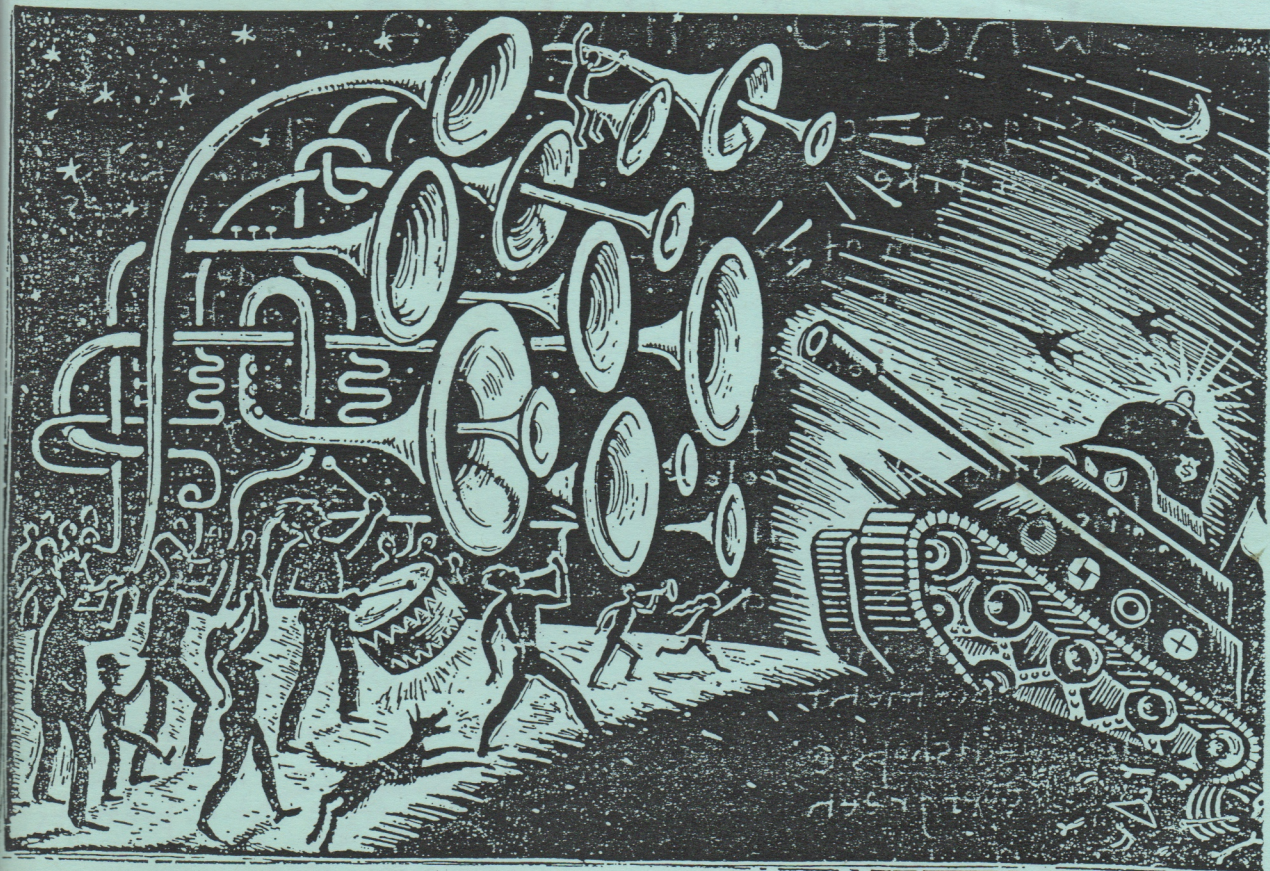




welcome to the 4th annual

Disorientation Manual

2000-2001



...a partial guide to the ins,
outs, upside-down & in-between
of life at evergreen.

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What's in your hands is what we wish we knew when we came to Olympia.

Oly is a bizarre & unique place that fosters radical, ingenious activities of all kinds... though it might not always seem that way at first. We hope you find in here some shortcuts for making Olympia home.

You'll probably discover very quickly that Evergreen is not everything you expected, or exactly what it's made out to be. But with the right tools, it can be a springboard for incredible learning. We hope this book provides some of those resources.

This is the 4th annual disorientation manual, and while it's very different from those of previous years, it would never have happened without all the hard work & inspiration from preceding years. enjoy.



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Everything you wish you knew about TESC Campus Housing before you moved in

TESC campus Housing has one thing going for it. It's convenient. Lately, Housing has been taking advantage of its position. Rental rates, already much higher than those for comparable area apartments, have increased twice in less than two years.

For instance, in spring of 1997, Housing centered on a million-dollar wiring project that provided the dorms with cable TV, data hook-ups, and phone service. Ignoring strong student dissent at forums and through petitions, Housing instituted a 2.5% rent increase to be paid by all residents regardless of whether they actually used the service. Housing justified this, saying that such technology access is considered "essential" at other colleges. The cable service was not available until late fall of 1997, the internet service not until spring 1998, and the phone service will not be available until sometime during the 1998-1999 academic year. Students had been paying for something they could not use.

In spring of 1998, Housing increased rent another 4% citing several reasons: that summer conferences canceled their reservations to stay in the dorms, and that more students than expected had left Housing midyear to study abroad. Rather than cut administrative costs or reexamine areas of financial loss like the Corner Cafe, Housing chose to raise rent again. The combined increase totals 6.6%-the highest percentage increase among Washington state colleges.

Residents pay an exorbitant amount for campus housing and continue to receive poor service from essentially invisible support staff. Most students only see their Resident Advisors (R.A.s) when they need to borrow a vacuum, and many would not recognize the director of Housing. In addition to financial mismanagement, Housing has a history of inconsistently enforcing its own policies like reduced occupancy and "quiet housing." Residents pay \$75 to park their cars in F-lot, notorious for vandalism and theft. Apart from a CPJ article, little has been done to improve F-lot security.

Housing at Evergreen chooses to raise rent to maintain a questionable "level of service" while oblivious to its own faults and student dissatisfaction.

The rental rates for rooms in Olympia are often much cheaper than on campus. Listings for houses and apartments in Olympia can be found in the *Olympian* newspaper. Also, look for flyers posted around the college advertising spaces in houses and apartments. If you want to save money and still remain close to campus you might look at the Coopers Glen apartments located near parking lot F. Coopers Glen is a former Evergreen dorm complex that was sold to a private firm that now rents rooms at a lower rate than the college.

Some Housing Policies You Should Be Aware of:

Reduced Occupancy: There are many cases in which dorm rooms are not fully occupied. This could be because a roommate failed to show up for school, or because one decides to move out. When a room is not fully occupied, be it a two-person studio in A-dorm, a six-bedroom apartment, and so on, the remaining roommate(s) may be forced by Housing to (a) find a new roommate(s) to fill the dorm to occupancy (b) move to another dorm or (c) pay what is known as reduced occupancy—a portion of the rent for the extra space, as the dorm is not filled to capacity. The definition as to what constitutes reduced occupancy can vary depending on the type of unit. One person living in a two person studio or apartment will be required to pay reduced occupancy, this is a most common case. Check with Housing if your dorm unit is not full to clarify whether or not it is a reduced occupancy situation, as Housing has been known to charge students for reduced occupancy even when those students were unaware that they were required to pay—and it can be quite costly.

Quiet Housing: Certain dorm apartment complexes and floors of dorms are designated as "quiet housing." "Quiet hours," which exist in all the dorms, are longer in "quiet housing" (7 p.m.-9 a.m. Sun-Thurs, 12 a.m.-10 a.m. Fri-Sat). There is, however, no definition set forth by Housing as to what exactly "quiet" entails. While some students enjoy a calm, quiet living environment, others are troubled with constant noise issues even in "quiet housing."

Where can you get your bike fixed?

Alcohol/Drug Free (ADF) Housing: Alcohol/Drug Free is supposed to be just that, but it isn't. Housing does not do much to enforce this policy.

Smoke Detectors: If your smoke detector goes off, do not touch it or try to fix it. Housing will fine you big bucks for that one.

Parties: The party rule - the host is responsible for all guests, invited or uninvited. In the event that something happens at a party (for example, if someone gets alcohol poisoning) the host will be held responsible, and be called in to Housing. Also, if you plan to have a party, tell your Resident Advisor (R.A.) first-the R.A.s and cops are much nicer about parties if they know beforehand.

Theft: Many students at Evergreen are fairly liberal when it comes to locking doors and windows-they simply don't. There is a general assumption that the campus is safe in that regard, however this assumption often rings false. From small items to bikes, televisions, and computers, belongings are stolen directly from the dorms. Housing does not publicize these thefts, however, thus fostering the general naiveté that allows such thefts to occur in the first place. Be careful with your stuff-Housing claims no responsibility for lost items, so even if it is a roommate that leaves a door unlocked, you still don't get it back.

Title 59, RCW 59.18.040 exempts residences of public or private educational institutions (that's you) from the Washington State Landlord and Tenant Law (you have no rights under Housing).

Check out the Evergreen bike shop. The bike shop is a student run cooperative (this means you get to work on your bike yourself!). It also means that the super-friendly folk helping you aren't paid—they're there because they like bikes. The volunteers run from bicycle geniuses to people who just want to see the shop stay open.

The shop is located in the basement of the CAB (get in the elevator and press "B") and is equipped with mechanic's bike stands, basic repair parts (tubes, patches, cables, bearings, grease, and repair manuals), and a comprehensive array of tools at your mercy. All of this is made available to you for one easy installment of \$5 per quarter or \$2 per visit. This helps fund the magical bottomless vat of grease, and buy new and confusing tools.

The bike shop is a do-it-yourself place, but if you don't feel confident, or are unsure how to do a repair, the volunteers are always ready to help you, or smile, shrug, and direct you to a manual. No experience is necessary to volunteer; in fact, it is a great way to learn more about bikes (and receive a free quarter membership with 24 hour access to the shop!!). All you need to do is volunteer once a week for two hours. Just call or stop by the shop to sign up.

One important caveat: It's a volunteer-run shop, so the posted hours aren't always accurate (try calling first at 866-6000 ext. 639).



OLY IS A BIKE TOWN

Bikes are amazing! Not only are they cheap, beautiful and ecologically clean transportation, a fabulous alternative to stinky, ugly, expensive cars, they are incredibly empowering. If you have a car please park it and take the bus (route 41!) or ride a bike. If you have a bike then you are in great company in Oly. If you don't have a bike and you want a good second hand one look for 'FOR SALE' signs at the co-op or school or check out olybikes downtown, 124 State 753 7525 (also a good place to get your bike fixed) Also keep your eyes open at pawn shops, Value Village, Goodwill! Watch for CRITICAL MASS!

Racism @ Evergreen

or

just 'cause it's liberal don't make it right

written by a white girl for white folks

What is white privilege?

The nature of racism takes on many forms in US culture, most obviously in the form of glaring discrimination and hate-driven crimes. Racism also exists as a daily system of life in the US that embraces, encourages, and empowers white experiences while condemning, disempowering, and degrading people of color's experiences.

White privilege is the unearned benefits we receive as white people, within a white dominated culture, politics, and economy. Whether or not white people believe this – we still benefit every single day from our privilege. On a college campus (as anywhere) whiteness is linked tightly to other forms of privilege like class status, male gender, heterosexuality, and able-body privileges. How individuals acknowledge and act on their particular privileges affects their relationships. The work we do to acknowledge our privilege (or lack thereof) has repercussions for the entire community.

What does racism look like at Evergreen?

Racism looks and feels different to everyone on campus. Some people feel the effects of hate & intolerance & invisibility every day in a thousand ways. Some people are just learning about their identities and how their backgrounds play a role in who they are. Some people feel that racism does not exist on this campus.

RHETORIC vs. REALITY: The Catalog

1) The Numbers – The percentages of different ethnic groups represented at Evergreen and printed in the catalog are the combined totals of people attending the Olympia and Tacoma campuses. A higher percentage of people of color attend the Tacoma campus, Tacoma being an industrial, working-class town. The 2 student bodies have very little (if any) contact with one another. The Numbers misrepresent a concrete reality on the Olympia campus, and you cannot find the race break down for the separate campuses. Interesting.

2) The Photos – The glossy close-ups of people of color in the catalog also misrepresent the sea of white faces that people of color meet every day, in every class, in their faculty, and in this region.

Evergreen folks like to talk a good game about “diversity” on campus. In fact, you’ll often hear that “We’ve already done that work” from the administration. But if you listen to people’s experiences “diverse” opinions expose how much work has actually been done.

OPPRESSION HAPPENS EVERY DAY

An aspect of white privilege is seeing ourselves represented everywhere we go. Our faces are on TV, we write the books, we are the upper class, middle class, and working class. This is not to say others are not a part of all aspects of culture, it is to say that their lives and struggles are completely invisible to white dominated culture. Lack of adequate representation in the faculty, the student body, and the materials of study reinforce invisibility which hurts and alienates people of color from this place.

People of color endure white students:

- not listening to their experiences as true.
- not recognizing and acknowledging who is and isn't there.
- tokenizing people of color by demanding that one person represent an entire culture.
- minimizing the devastating realities of racism ("we are all brothers"- "we are all one world").
- studying race and "cultures" but refusing to recognize racial dynamics in their seminars, interactions, activism, and living situations.

Speaking of activism – The divisions between student groups whose constituencies are primarily white and those who are primarily people of color reflect a historic split and a denial of essential problems. White groups are not evil or wrong, but they must acknowledge the whys and hows of the situation in order to work in better solidarity with other groups.

DEALING WITH RACISM IS PART OF ACTIVIST WORK.

Walking the talk

Too much of the time people of color are forced into situations where they have to defend themselves or "teach" white folks about racism. It is more appropriate and less hurtful for white people to confront each other and talk to one another about these issues.

These ideas are not about rules to follow. These ideas are starting points from which to find your own way. Race is a complicated and difficult problem in our world, we must re-learn what respect means to be able to live well and un-learn our racism.

- DO YOUR HOMEWORK : Think

- Listen to people
- Read
- Talk to friends
- Watch movies with a critical eye
- Go to Workshops
- Question your own racism

- TAKE RISKS :
 - Intervene when someone is being targeted
 - Identify problems and speak them loudly
 - Speak from your own experience (do not speak FOR someone else)
 - Treat people of color spaces with respect (understand that you might not be welcome)

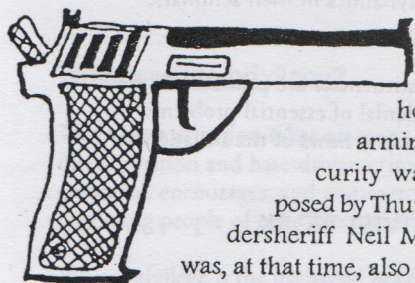
- WORK FOR INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES :
 - Get on faculty hiring committees
 - Confront faculty on race dynamics
 - Bring ideas of reading material and workshops to your classes
 - Confront the administration, the Board of Trustees

- DO NOT IGNORE RACISM

- DO NOT IGNORE YOUR OWN PRIVILEGE

Why do campus security officers carry guns?

In the late 1980's, upper level Evergreen Administrative folks began discussing arming what was then called "Public Safety." It wasn't until the beginning of



the 1995-96 academic year,

however, that the arming of campus security was formally proposed by Thurston County Undersheriff Neil McClanahan who was, at that time, also acting as Interim

Director for Public Safety (eerie coincidence?). Art Costantino, Vice-President of Student Affairs, then made his own formal recommendation for arming during winter quarter of that same year. Following Art's recommendation, there were several community forums to discuss the implications of arming.

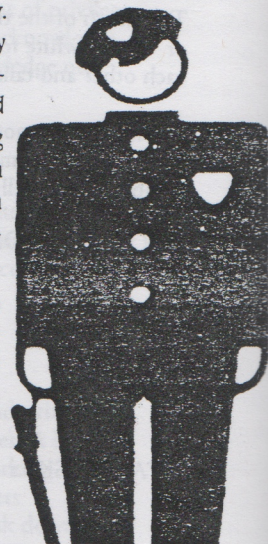
During the first set of forums, growing anti-arming sentiment came to a head and the Community Action Group at Evergreen (CAGE), composed of students, parents, and other community members, was formed in response. CAGE was able to put together a petition composed of an unprecedented 1200 signatures of Evergreen community members opposed to arming Public Safety. There was also a large protest against arming on Red Square. At that point, it became clear that whether or not the administration believed Evergreen to be a dangerous environment requiring guns, the community largely did not.

After the first set of community forums, President Jane Jervis made her recommendation to the Board of Trustees supporting the arming of Public Safety. The Board of Trustees had a second set of community forums during Spring Quarter before making its own decision. CAGE's organizing around these forums was some of the most effective and unified in recent Evergreen history. Countless individuals turned out to express their opposition to giving Public Safety guns. Meanwhile, "NO GUNS" signs turned up everywhere. Despite widespread opposition, the Board of Trustees voted to recommend "limited arming" of Public Safety. The community responded with a mass sit-in, blocking the entrance to Library Loop.

Campus security now have access to guns in lockboxes and are allowed to carry them on their persons from 6PM to 8AM, and when "patrolling areas distant from their vehicles" at any time during the day. This means that, when patrolling by bike (at any time during the day), officers can carry guns—making a joke out of "limited arming."

The arming of campus security is not an isolated issue; it is part of a larger trend toward "professionalization" or, more accurately, militarization. The shift of the name "Public Safety" to "Police Services" as well as the refurbished and new cars (much more similar to police cars) at the beginning of the 1996-97 academic year epitomizes the evolution of campus security.

What were once generally helpful "safety" officers attired in polo shirts and shorts are now intimidating "police" officers attired in SWAT style uniforms. With a more authoritarian appearance has come the ability to cite moving violations, make arrests, and so on. Police Services is a veritable police force on our own campus. During the 1996-97 academic school year, complaints of the use of excessive force and allegations



of sexual harassment of Police Services secretaries by Police Services officers arose, lending further credence to continued opposition to arming. By the end of the 1997-98 school year, rumors begin circulating (confirmed by one Police Services Officer's account) that the Evergreen Administration is just waiting for students to forget about these struggles around guns before moving to full-time arming for all officers. Only student-initiated pressure can stop this.

Where does the money in your bank account go?

In information that you get from the Evergreen Admissions Office and representatives of Seafirst Bank that often table in the CAB, Seafirst may seem like the best choice for where to put your money. Indeed, Seafirst has two cash machines in the CAB and one at the Housing Community Center. Seafirst, however, like all commercial banks, can do whatever they want with your money. Political contributions to the Republican Party are one way that Seafirst uses your money. As a subsidiary of Bank of America, one of the world's largest financial institutions, active in 38 countries, another way Seafirst uses your money is by investing and giving loans to governments like Indonesia, known for its human rights abuses and military dictatorship. Moreover, Bank of America is linked to the World Bank—an institution that poses as “humanitarian,” but whose “conditional” loans to “third world” countries lead to poverty and exploitation.

In early 1998, the Olympia-Chiapas Solidarity Organization initiated a *Mexico divestment campaign* to pressure the government of Mexico to respect the rights of indigenous citizens in Chiapas, Mexico. Bank of America is one of the largest investors in the Mexican economy. In response to this, some Evergreen students began closing their accounts at Seafirst. We encourage you to avoid Seafirst altogether.

An alternative available for all Evergreen students and employees of the state is the Washington State Employees Credit Union (WSECU), located downtown at 400 E. Union Avenue. Call them at 943-7911 or stop by to set up an account. Once you are a member, you can always be a member—even after you graduate. And you can use the Seafirst ATM's on campus to access your funds in WSECU for free!

If the main reason you are in school is to get a diploma, find out quick about some of the ways to get it fast and cheap. - CLEP tests are cheap and easy and will give you credits. Classes at SPSCC are cheap and will also earn you credits. PLE can also help you earn credits quickly if you've taken some time off school. Pay In-State Tuition! Work and take part-time classes for the 12 months it takes to gain WA state residency. (Remember to get you drivers' license or ID from the DOL in Lacey as soon as you arrive.) Do a yearlong individual contract in Latin America and work for rent! Academic Advising can fill you in on these alternatives to class-based programs.

How do you get your books cheap?

As a new student, one of the first priorities is where to buy your schoolbooks. Naturally you turn to the TESC Bookstore for help. You know they will have all the books for your class, and they are close. Think more carefully though. As a student you need the cheapest books possible.

TESC classes tend to use original texts and not very many anthologies or textbooks (unless you are in the sciences or advanced arts). Therefore, it is quite easy to go to a used bookstore to find class readings—and it is much, much cheaper.

Olympia has several used bookstores. Two of these are Browsers Book Shop (357-7462, 107 Capitol Way; off of 4th St. downtown), and Orca Books Inc. (352-0123, 509 4th Ave.; straight downtown on 4th St. on the right).

Orca Books is best, for several reasons. First, Orca receives a listing of all the current quarter required books for Evergreen classes, and the ones they don't have on hand they special order. Generally speaking, as long as it is not a microbiology textbook, or a rare Orissi dance technique book from India, Orca will have it in stock for you. Second, even if it is a new book which they have special ordered for you, as a student you get 10% off the new cover price—that's 10% off of what you would have paid at the TESC Bookstore.

Lastly, at Orca you can trade your books in, getting trade credit equal to half the price they will sell the book for. At the TESC Bookstore, because books are not generally re-used by different classes as they are at other colleges, they can only offer you a mere 10-15% of the original cost of the book if it is not being used again (if it is being used they will give one half the original price). And, if you want cold hard cash at Orca, you can trade in your credit at any time for one half of its amount—giving you one quarter the original price of the book. Better yet is to save your Orca credit and use it the next time classes roll 'round, and the dilemma of where to buy your schoolbooks again rears its costly head.



Brothas! Sistas! Feel lost in a sea of White?

Evergreen boasts of its diversity, but as one staff member observed, "Evergreen is alternative, not diverse". The percentage of students of color presented by the school included students on the Tacoma campus and students who are enrolled in study-abroad programs. So, many mislabeled students of color find themselves feeling isolated and under-represented.

One of the educational tools we have at Evergreen is seminar. We are supposed to gain insight on our studies by listening to our peers' interpretations. Yet, an overwhelming majority of Greeners are from white upper middle class liberal families. Your typical Greener misses out on many perspectives. Students of color often face tokenism and are labeled race-obsessed. Students of color who are listened to when they share often feel like their points are quickly abandoned. This is because Greeners generally lack experience with people from other ethnicities, cultures, and classes, so they don't know how to further the discussion.

Many students of color entering Evergreen find that Greeners are highly interested in "ethnic" ideologies and, more commonly, "ethnic" products. We also find that these people are entirely unaware of these objects' historical and spiritual context and are separated from the people whose culture these products come from (sometimes, they even have prejudices against them). This often leads to cultural appropriations,

stealing someone else's culture, which is especially fucked up when it is used for artistic recognition or for profit. Students of color have also expressed disappointment because they feel many of the other students of color are disconnected from their ethnic communities and often lack pride.

Students of color often feel as if there are absolutely no traces of our heritage in Olympia. We cannot find people that look like us, movie theaters that play our movies, bookstores that sell ethnocentric material, barbers and hairstylists that know how to work with our hair, religious establishments that reflect our heritage, grocery stores that sell our foods, and environments (clubs/malls) that are geared towards and accepting of our social habits. Students of color soon find that Lacey and Tacoma, which are both city bus accessible, provide them with some of the physical, social, and spiritual necessities that Olympia lacks.

However, Evergreen does provide services for students of color. **First People's Advising** (in Library 1400 or call 866-6000 x6467) provides personal and academic counseling. They have materials available and are an excellent resource for connecting students to other services. First People's also plans cultural events on and off campus, they welcome ideas and assistance from all students.

Busses in Olympia ☆

The good news is due to the hard work of students a couple of years ago we can now ride the bus for free with I.D. cards. The bad news is that I-695 passed last year which got rid of the car tax in Wash. state so that rich people with new S.U.V.'s can save money. This cut the transit budget 40%. So a lot of busses got cut but we still have the beloved 41 route till 11:00pm every day **on** Sunday (ends at Head down to the bus terminal downtown on State st. and pick up a schedual book. Ride for \$3 to Seattle! Bring your bike!

LOVE YOUR BUS!!! ✂



hello there. my name is erika and i'm a working-poor student here at evergreen. i'm writing to give those of you who might need a little extra support an idea of how to get it.

-first of all if you are on financial aid and have workstudy, you are eligible for foodstamps. the rule about foodstamps is that you have to work at least 20 hours a week to be eligible, unless you're on workstudy. if you're workstudy no matter what they say you are eligible for food stamps but some workers at DSHS (the welfare office) don't realize that or are assholes or something, so you might have to be really assertive about it.

-washington state has this thing called "Basic Health" which is essentially socialized medicine. Their rates are based on income, and it starts at \$10 a month. The waiting list is about six months, so it's a good idea to get on it as soon as possible. their number is 800 828-2444.

-olympia is a great place to get free stuff. there are "freeboxes" by the housing community center on campus & the westside co-op at 921 rogers st. value village at harrison & division throws away tons of shit every day- one time my friend found a brand new toaster oven in their dumpster, plus you can get tvs, vcrs, clothes or almost anything else you can find in a thrift store. the deal is that they can only take a certain weight of stuff every day & they have to throw everything else out. also, the stoneground bakery throws away tons of loaves of bread in their dumpsters- especially on Sundays. you can get free meals at bread & roses on cherry street downtown. call them at 705 1125 or stop by to find out their meal schedule.

-the thurston county tenants union is unionizing to protect tenants rights. They provide information about tenants rights and can give advice or direct tenants to other services. call 413 4438.

-how to deal with financial aid? the best advice I can give about financial aid is that you have to be persistent, and no matter what decisions are made about your financial aid, you can appeal them. there are financial aid counselors that you can meet with if you need someone to talk to about your situation, and if things get really complicated you might have to spend a lot of time in the financial aid office until you get what you need.

-you can go to the learning resource center for help with writing papers. they're at library 3407, ext 6420.

-key (keep enhancing yourself) services at evergreen are there to support students who are first generation in college, low income, or disabled. the topics they can help with are: financial aid, tutoring, career counseling, personal counseling, academic advising, disability access, health, and housing. plus they are a place workingclass & or poor students can go just to hang out or talk out issues we are dealing with here on campus. find them at library 1414, ext 6464.

-and if you work on campus, make sure you join the union of student workers.

good luck, you'll need it!

MUMIA ABU-JAMAL AS GRADUATION SPEAKER: THE EVERGREEN EXPERIENCE

Since 1981, Mumia Abu-Jamal has been an internationally recognized symbol of resistance to the farce known as the US criminal justice system. Everyone from South African president Nelson Mandela to the European Community stands behind the demand for a new and fair trial for him. During the 1998-99 academic year, we at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington decided to make our own contribution to Mumia's struggle for justice by selecting him as our graduation speaker.

Like most successful activism, the roots of what we accomplished in June of 1999 grew out of long-term organizing efforts. Evergreen campus activists had been holding educational events about Mumia and other political prisoners in the US (most notably, during a Prison Awareness Week) for a few years. A couple of students had also called for electing Mumia Abu-Jamal as the graduation speaker during the 97-98 academic year.

In the fall of 1998, a handful of us at Evergreen began intensively organizing to educate our community about Mumia and what he represents. We pushed to move awareness of him out of the confines of "activists" into the minds of all students. And we also decided to take another long shot at him as the commencement speaker by urging graduating seniors to nominate him. We realized how slim the chances were, but we knew we could use the campus campaign as a further educational opportunity. Imagine our surprise, then, when a few dedicated students began going to Graduation Committee meetings and were able to successfully push for Mumia as a commencement speaker!

Instead of using a ballot among graduating seniors, the Committee had taken the original nominations as tallies of support for different speakers. Washington Governor Gary Locke had received the most nominations, but when he declined an invitation, Mumia quickly became the next best possibility. The write-ins in the fall, combined with sustained pressure of activist seniors in the Committee had created a space for Mumia. And after being contacted, Mumia came through, recording a thirteen-minute speech over the telephone, centering around the graduation theme, "Live your life deliberately."

The controversy was just beginning, though.

Governor Gary Locke soon claimed that he hadn't actually declined the invitation to speak at Evergreen's graduation. According to him, there had been a mix-up with his office. So, the Graduation Committee decided to have both Locke and Mumia as speakers. But then the Washington State Troopers began pressuring Locke to refuse to speak with Mumia—who they called "a cop killer." So—this time for real—Locke declined to speak. Statewide, the graduation ceremony at a small public liberal arts college was beginning to gain enormous attention. Hastily overriding its own Graduation Committee (which suddenly became "advisory"), the Evergreen administration chose a rather bland professor to be the "keynote speaker." Fortunately, they kept Mumia as "a" speaker.

A month and a half before graduation, in May, a small group of students and faculty prepared a press release about Mumia speaking at our graduation, which we released to national print, radio, and television media. Slowly, what we were organizing was making its way onto the national scene. By the end of May, Ron Reagan (son of Ronald Reagan) was chastising us on his nationally-syndicated radio show, Olympia newspaper reporters and Seattle television news crews were interviewing Evergreen students about what they thought, and people were reading about our graduation in local papers around the country. On our own campus, some graduating seniors were claiming that we, as Mumia supporters, were a minority disrupting their ostensibly "celebratory" event.

And the controversy was only getting hotter.

Two weeks before graduation, a group of seniors (and supporters) began meeting intensely to strategize ways to highlight and support Mumia's recorded speech at our graduation. Quickly, our core group grew to over thirty committed students, faculty, and community members. We split up tasks, creating a pamphlet to hand out to all 6,000 people who were expected to attend graduation; preparing press advisories, press



releases, press conferences, press liaisons, press statements, and spokespeople; designing and making banners and armbands in support of Mumia; and much, much more.

We decided upon the theme of Mumia as a canary in a cage. As the front panel on our pamphlet said: "Miners took canaries into mine shafts to test for the presence of lethal gas. If the canary died, the miners knew the air was too poisonous to sustain life. Mumia Abu-Jamal's presence in our national life serves as a warning that our freedom, too, is in danger. In these times of violent aggression on others' soil and increased imprisonment on our own, the canary's voice reminds us that our freedom is connected to the freedom of others. Mumia is the canary in our coal mine. If he dies without a fair trial, we will know that we live in a society that is unsafe for all of us."

Meanwhile, Maureen Faulkner, the widow of the police officer that Mumia allegedly killed, announced that she would be attending the Evergreen Graduation Ceremony with her supporters. The weekend before, she took out ads in the local newspaper condemning the college for hosting "a cop killer." At the same time, the Evergreen administration began taking security measures: preparing bomb sweeps starting at 3 AM on the day of graduation, bringing in extra police and security officers for the ceremony, and creating large signs for exits. All throughout, the rumor circulated that during Mumia's speech, discontented seniors and Faulkner supporters would be playing horns or screaming to make his words inaudible.

On the day of graduation, our first check-in meeting was scheduled for 8 AM on campus. As we picked up loads of pamphlets and strategized about media, we heard that a student activist had been interviewed on the "Today Show" earlier. By mid-morning, CNN cameras, Seattle newspaper reporters, and radio microphones flew all over the place. With well-organized spokespeople (including representatives from students, faculty, and alumni), we outshone the poorly prepared "official" public relations folks supplied by the administration. Meanwhile, each of the 6,000 people attending graduation were offered a canary-yellow pamphlet.

We were making history.

By the early afternoon, we were all seated, anxiously awaiting the moment of truth--Mumia's speech. The college president gave the first address, followed by "the" commencement speaker and the two studentspeakers. As Mumia's turn came, a handful of graduating seniors got up to walk out in protest of this "cop killer" and a few others turned their backs. The rest of us sat, waiting for noise disruption.

Mumia's voice came, "I feel privileged to address your chosen theme, not because I'm some kind of avatar, but because a life lived deliberately has been the example of people I admire and respect..." Where were the horns? The yelling? As someone later pointed out, you could have heard a pin drop among those several thousand people sitting outside on that sunny day.

Mumia's speech went on with no disruption. The few seniors standing with their backs turned were slowly outnumbered by raised fists, armbands, and banners with the silk-screened image of a canary in a cage. Mumia spoke directly: "Out of the many here assembled, it is the heart of he or she that I seek who looks at a life of vapid materialism, of capitalist excess, and finds it simply intolerable. It may be 100 of you, or 50, or even ten, or even one of you who make that choice. I'm here to honor and applaud that choice and to warn you that, though the suffering may indeed be great, it is nothing to the joy of doing the right thing." It was one of those moving, incredibly transformative moments.

His last words were simply: "From Death Row, this is Mumia Abu-Jamal." The crowd (students and guests alike) rose quickly to a standing applause. Apparently, we who supported hearing Mumia weren't a minority. Indeed, on that day, we won a very small battle, bringing more national attention to Mumia than some 35,000 people marching in San Francisco and Philadelphia had a month and a half earlier. And it all started with a handful of creative, dedicated people and an idea.

SWEATSHOPS AT EVERGREEN

The "Evergreen" t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and pants available at the campus bookstore are made in the so-called "third world" by people who endure sweatshop working conditions: excessive daily production quotas, up to eighty-hour work weeks, poor ventilation, exposure to hazardous chemicals, inadequate health resources, forced contraception, dehumanizing verbal abuse, gross underpayment, and the violent suppression of union organizing.

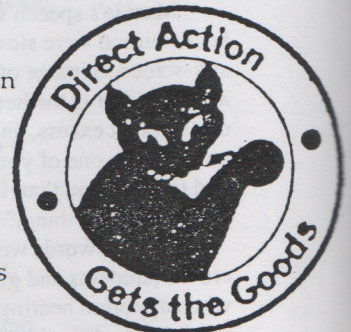
The \$2.5 billion/year collegiate apparel industry profits heavily from these excusable conditions in places like Nicaragua, Indonesia, China, Mexico, El Salvador, and Honduras. In a global free market dominated by transnational corporations and powerful industrial nations, deeply indebted governments are forced to compete for foreign investment in a "race to the bottom" of labor, health and environmental standards. Who can provide the most lucrative investment climate?" Who can keep their workers from revolting?

The Evergreen State College is a member of the Fair Labor Association, a corporate-dominated "monitoring" organization known to ignore violations of workers' rights. Membership adherence to FLA standards is synonymous with condoning sweatshops. Thus, we are directly supporting these conditions when we purchase an item of clothing here at the bookstore.

The Workers' Rights Consortium is an independent, alternative monitoring organization with more humane standards. The WRC protects the right to organize unions, ensures a living wage, provides surprise inspection of production facilities, and relies on statements from actual workers and solidarity groups in the region for reports on working conditions.

This past year, students at college campuses across the country have been taking direct action against their schools' membership in the FLA. Campaigns at Brown, Harvard, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Oregon and many others have organized teach-ins, vigils, public forums, knit-ins and rallies to raise awareness about sweatshops, demanding membership in the WRC and withdrawal from the FLA. Some students have been arrested for locking down their president's office for as long as two weeks, pressuring the administration to make a serious commitment to support workers' rights internationally.

Over 200 schools have now joined the WRC due to student campaigns for workers' rights, and the time for action is upon us. We need to pressure the Evergreen administration to abandon the FLA and join the Workers' Rights Consortium. Let's use our privilege where we can, act in solidarity with workers and make a stand: NO MORE SWEATSHOP APPAREL AT EVERGREEN.



to contact the Union of Student Workers at 866-6000 x. 6098

What's up with faculty hiring?

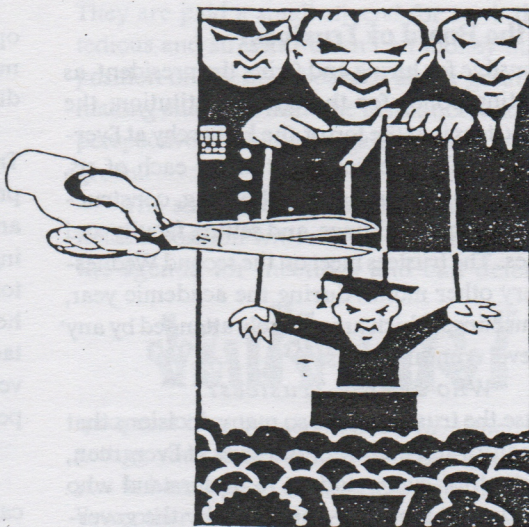
It is extremely important for you, as an Evergreen student, to get involved in the faculty hiring process. To do so, you need to take the initiative, because outreach to get student involvement is very poor. Go to the Dean's offices, in the Library Building and outside of Rob Knapp's office (room 2209) is a wall full of positions needing to be filled. Decide which position you are interested in, talk with the Dean (Knapp's ext. 6149) and get on the committee.

The hiring process is lengthy, as the committee reviews all files of candidates that apply and proceeds through several steps to narrow down the decision about which candidates to conduct phone interviews with, and then to invite to Evergreen for intensive interviews and visits. While this process is time consuming, it is imperative to have student involvement in the decision making about who Evergreen's future faculty will be. It is disappointing that the administration does not go out of its way to encourage this active participation, and therefore students must take it upon themselves to be informed and involved in these decisions.

The other committee that desperately needs student participation (because it frequently has none) is the greater hiring committee which oversees all hires at Evergreen for the entire year. You can talk with Rob Knapp about this committee as well.

In recent years there has been great student concern about the lack of racial diversity in Evergreen's faculty, and the lack of student involvement on these committees. The following excerpts are from a letter written by a group of concerned students in March 1998. It was sent to the Academic Deans, the Provost, and the Hiring Committee members, after a decision to hire the only older white male of three qualified candidates, for the International Political Economy position:

As students, we are concerned with the lack of diversity within the faculty body at Evergreen in general.... Specifically, we are concerned with the unclear and poorly defined decision-making process in hiring committees: there are currently no records of the meetings, such as minutes of deliberations, and no predetermined ways to interview the candidates, such as



a set of mandatory and objective questions for all candidates. The unclear and poor process for faculty hiring at Evergreen makes us question the priorities of the hiring committees and the larger Evergreen institution.... In addition, we are concerned whether our voices will be equally valued in the decision-making process.

We are concerned that the majority of Evergreen faculty are white and that this trend in hiring white faculty continues. As an alternative educational institution, Evergreen claims to practice diversity; however, the student body is not diverse nor is the faculty body. Moreover, the recent faculty hires do not reflect Evergreen's commitment to multiculturalism. The faculty make-up profoundly impacts the students that enroll in programs at Evergreen's Olympia campus. Thus, diversity within the faculty body is crucial in promoting cultural diversity within the overall student body...

The Evergreen administration is not known for being responsive to student concerns. So, it is necessary for us to continue pushing the issues of Evergreen's hypocrisy regarding racial and gender representation in faculty, stressing the importance of a clear decision-making process, and fighting for real student involvement in faculty hiring.

What is the Board of Trustees?

Responsible for hiring and firing the president, as well as setting policy for the entire institution, the board of trustees is at the top of the hierarchy at Evergreen. They make decisions that affect each of us, including: the cost of on-campus housing, construction of new campus buildings, and setting faculty and staff salaries. The trustees meet on the second Wednesday of every other month during the academic year, in public meetings which are sparsely attended by any but high level administrators.

Who are the Trustees?

Because the trustees make so many decisions that effect the nature and quality of our lives at Evergreen, it is important for every student to understand who they are and what they do. Appointed by the governor to serve six-year terms of office, the trustees are mostly prominent business and community "leaders" from around the state. Few alumni have ever served on the board and almost none of them have any connection to the school before they become trustees. For most of them, it has never been their home, school, or workplace as it is to the students, faculty and staff who make up our school.

Democracy?

Evergreen's governance structure is an example of the way representative democracy is not supposed to work. Our trustees generally do not come from within the institution and are mostly unfamiliar with some of the most basic aspects of the col-

lege (at a recent meeting, the CRC and CAB buildings were mentioned and had to be explained to trustees who had not heard of them before). It would be like the Washington State Legislature being composed of politicians from around the country who don't know the issues and concerns of the place that they are supposed to govern. So too with our trustees.

Here's an interesting fact: In all the Board meetings held this year, observers cannot recall a single proposal that was not passed unanimously. In other words, every proposed change brought before the trustees by the president and her senior administrative staff was approved without a single dissenting

opinion, all year! Can you imagine the supreme court making rulings for a year without a single voice of dissent among them? The very idea is ludicrous.

Because of their unfamiliarity with Evergreen, the Trustees act like a rubber stamp of approval for the proposals brought by the president and her staff. They are on campus a handful of times each year for meetings that are attended by only by senior administrators, and the representatives to the board. They often hear just one opinion on issues have little to no contact with others at Evergreen. Thus, not only is the very structure of governance undemocratic but it appears to be an illusion as well.

Signs of Change

Although examining decision making at Evergreen can be somewhat discouraging, recently there have been some promising signs. This year, the governor signed senate bill 5517, which created student trustee positions at the Washington State schools. While having a student trustee is a step in the right direction, it falls far short of an ultimate goal of having a school that is run by the people who study, work, live there (remember of the people, by the people, and for the people?). We must continue to ask ourselves whether Evergreen really needs trustees who are unfamiliar with our concerns and know little of the issues facing students, staff, and faculty to be "making decisions" on our behalf. Only when we ask those questions, and raise our voices on the issues that concern us, will we be able claim a voice in decision making at Evergreen.

Fun with quotes

"Members of the public or campus community will not be subject to police scrutiny or surveillance because of their exercise of freedom of speech, association, or beliefs."

(taken from TESC Police Services Standard Operations Procedures Manual, Chap. 7.13.00)

What is the S&A Board?

The S&A Board is basically a bureaucracy that exists to distribute the money collected as YOUR STUDENT FEES to fund various services offered on campus, such as the CRC, KAOS, the CPJ and Child Care Center. The board also allocates all the money for student groups on the third floor of the CAB, which means that all students, organizers, and radicals should know how the system works and how to work the system. The S&A process has been developed over many years by Evergreen students and staff, and it is rather unusual because it takes such a pro-active stance on student involvement and student decision-making power. Once familiar with the process, it is important to strategize about when to rely on the S&A administration for support, when to exploit loopholes in the system, and when to work outside the system.

Who is on the S&A Board?

The nine student representatives and the S&A Coordinator are all students who are *selected by committee*, NOT a democratic process, to serve as part of the Evergreen bureaucracy. The selection takes place this way because Greener students refuse to submit to the tyranny (or rise to the responsibility) of Student Government, and therefore we settle for a very centralized, top-down selection process. Because there is student involvement in the selection of board members, it actually allows for a more diverse representation of students who wouldn't necessarily win a popularity-based election. This selection process also does its best to insure that the S&A Board will function as a team, rather than a bickering grounds for ambitious politicians. Although much of the S&A structures and policies are set by the state legislature, it is remarkably open to change. If you see serious flaws in the system and do the footwork to make an alternative method possible, there is a good chance that you will succeed in making positive changes.

The members of the S&A Board are given a great deal of responsibility to maintain Services and Activities that meet the needs (and sometimes the far-fetched wishes) of students at Evergreen. They are also given a lot of power, through control of money and decision-making which has a significant influence on the mechanics of organizing on campus at Evergreen.

They are paid a small stipend for a job that is often tedious and stressful (aren't all money matters?). A position on the S&A Board is also a great avenue for making change within the institution and for gaining perspective on student organizing as a whole at Evergreen.

The student coordinator of the S&A Board also holds a position with a lot of power, for she or he sets the agenda for meetings and can determine if a



proposal is to be taken seriously. When it comes to getting your issues before the board, it will behoove you to have a good relationship with the coordinator. Your other main tool for getting what you want from the S&A Board is making sure that your student LIAISON is a strong advocate for you or your group when deliberations are being made. It is safe to say that if you cannot win the support of your liaison, it is unlikely that the board will rule in your favor.

The other significant sources of power on the S&A Board lie with Tom Mercado, the S&A director, and Denise Robertson, the primary accountant for all S&A functions. Although they are very sincere and well-intentioned people, they try to present an "I'm just here to help the students" image which obscures the significant power that they actually have. Both have the authority to make unilateral decisions regarding budget spending, hiring of student employees, and issues of liability, *without consulting the students on the S&A Board*. Once again it generally holds true that if you kiss-butt and don't remind them of their power, the director and accountant will keep their unwieldy authority carefully concealed.

At best, the S&A Board members can be radical reformers. But if there is a serious need for changes in the system, those will only occur through outside pressure from the collective student body, and power will not be ceded without a POWER struggle.

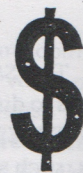
How to work the S&A System

The most important challenge for students, organizers and radicals at Evergreen is to learn how to work the S&A system so that the system doesn't work you. There are two unique challenges presented to those who have chosen to work within the S&A system. One is finding ways to get money to put on events without having money and events be your main pre-occupation. The most effective way to get money is to be organized and professional when you present to the board, and also throw in a little smoozhe. The more realistic your proposal (not asking for \$10,000 when you only need \$5,000) and the more efforts you have made to gain money from other sources (such as fundraising and co-sponsorships with other student groups or academic programs), the more likely you are to get money.

The second challenge is preventing your student group from being a dictatorship run by the coordinators. This is a problem given the very nature of some charismatic leaders, but it is exacerbated when that person is given the power and privileges of being a coordinator who gets PAID. The more that the functioning of the group is dependent on its coordinators, the weaker the group will be. Many student groups get caught up in asking for more coordinator hours, when in reality getting such perks may not benefit the group at all.

It is vitally important for Evergreen students to uphold the highest level of democratic participation at all levels of the S&A process and to not let yourselves be limited by the constraints of the system. The S&A Board will grant the most money to student groups and proposals that are well-organized, are open to a wide range of students on campus, are able to form coalitions with other groups on campus, that involve active participation by students who are volunteering their time for the cause, and that match the spirit of Evergreen's mission and reputation as a progressive, innovative, and radical university. When these criteria are analyzed, it turns out that they are an excellent formula for cutting-edge social movements that empower people to change the oppressive reality imposed on them by the dominant mainstream culture.

How do you get access to funds at Evergreen?



There are many places on (and off) campus you can go to raise money for an event, project, or special cause. Here are some:

The Evergreen Foundation gives out grants twice a year for primarily academic projects. Pick up an application in Library 3122.

The Community Sustaining Fund is a local, off-campus organization that funds environmental and social change projects, available to groups and individuals. Grants considered up to \$1000. Call 866-1816 for more information.

The Diversity Fund under Paul Gallegos in the office for equal opportunity may be another place to try for funds for an event or project.

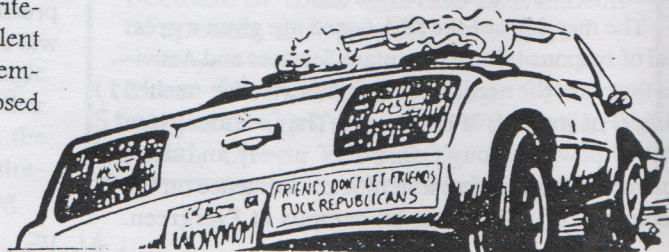
First People's Advising Services and Access Services for Students with Disabilities both have budgets to serve their respective constituencies. **S&A Productions** - Greg Porter at 866-6000 ext. 6222.

S&A funded groups like the Women's Resource Center or the Evergreen Political Information Center **S&A Board for a Special Initiative** (must be a registered student group)

Housing Resident Assistants or Resident Directors

Housing Social Events Council - Chuck McKinney at 866-6000 ext. 6191

Academic Programs - If you get two programs to sponsor, then the Academic Deans will match funds. **Rich Students, Bake Sales, Cake Walks, T-Shirt Sales, Performances on Red Square, CAB sales, and many more!** Anyone with a budget number has access to funds. Try creative approaches, the money is out there, now go get it.



How do you start an official student group?

So you want to start a student group? Go to the third floor of the CAB building, to CAB 320, the Student Activities area. At the front desk, you can ask for a volunteer student group form. To fill this out you need two volunteer coordinators (they will need to show their student IDs), a faculty sponsor, a mission statement of the group you want to start, and a list of proposed activities for the group. Once this paperwork is done, you will be given space in the volunteer group office, and can have access to a shared phone, voice mail, mail box, and S&A resources, like reserving rooms for events, and paint for signs. Often S&A staff or another student group will loan you their copy card, to pay for copies, as your group will not have a budget.

Once the group is active, and the S&A Board is entertaining special initiatives (funding for special events), you are eligible to request funding and a budget for your projects for that year. When you become a funded student group, you receive a separate office, paid coordinators, and a goods and services budget for the following year. These budgets are due in early March, and it helps to have dialogue with the S&A staff to understand this process. In the past two years several volunteer groups have become funded groups, including Evergreen Animal Rights Network and the Prison Action Committee.

What is the CPJ?

CPJ stands for Cooper Point Journal, the weekly Evergreen student newspaper. Its office is located to the rear of the S&A offices (CAB 316) on the Third Floor of the CAB. Visit or call (866-6000 ext. 6213). The CPJ has an up-and-down history of, at times, directly challenging the Evergreen administration and, at other times, serving as its lapdog. Don't forsake it, though. The CPJ staff are always looking for submissions in the forms of articles, letters, art, etc. Their deadline is Monday to get into Thursday's edition. Using the CPJ is one of the most direct ways to get your voice heard on campus. They accept submissions from any student about any topic. Make sure to read it each week, too. The calendar of upcoming events is pretty comprehensive.

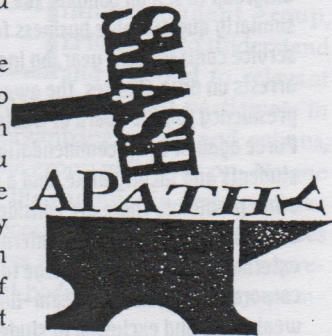
Getting started

The best strategy for becoming involved politically on campus is to visit the third floor of the College Activities Building (CAB). One whole side of the floor is taken up by the Services and Activities (S&A) office. This is where most campus student groups have their offices. There is a directory listing all of their names and locations as you walk in.

Although it can be intimidating to go into the S&A area, it is worth persevering because you will find that this is the core of student activity at Evergreen. You often can find coordinators of the various student groups in or around their offices (or, at least, find out when they should be there). If all else fails, you can always ask questions of the staff members at the front desk. They generally have a good idea of what is going on. They can also tell you when a student group is scheduled to meet.

Attending student group meetings is the best way to find out what is happening and get involved. At meetings, there is always a broad range of new and returning students, as well as those who have been involved in the past and those new to activism. Everyone is always welcome and encouraged to get involved. Be patient if things seem to start off slowly in the beginning weeks of the year—they always do. However, don't be afraid to assert ideas of what you would like to do or how you would like to help. Most student groups welcome new ideas and individual initiative.

Working with campus student groups can be some of the most rewarding and meaningful experiences that you have at college. It is empowering to work collectively with others for social change. Not only is it fulfilling in that sense, but also student groups provide a good social center for meeting like-minded folks and making friends for a lifetime.



Evergreen Action Network

I wanted to briefly discuss a group which many people around campus have been informally discussing for some time and which will no doubt be birthed early next year: The Evergreen Action Network. Last year saw a variety of serious problems at Evergreen: the invitation of horrendous corporations like Citigroup to sell on campus, the choice of similarly questionable business for the food service contract next year, an increase in arrests on drug charges, the awarding of the presidency (by the board of trustees) to Les Purce against the recommendations of students and faculty alike, and a variety of other problems. There are considerable forces at work at Evergreen, both internally and externally, pushing the college toward further corporatization, main-stream-lining, and the weakening and exclusion of student voice.

We must remain vigilant if we are to maintain our college's independence – it is very dangerous to assume that Evergreen's unique and progressive approach to community and education is permanent and unchangeable. Without wanting to take ownership of an organization which has yet to official form, I feel safe in saying that the Evergreen Action Network will serve as a watchdog and action group monitoring the decisions by the powers that be in shaping a changing Evergreen. Look for an interest/organizational meeting early next year.



Women of Color Coalition

"There are those who question the usefulness of the construct 'women of color.' There are people in our own respective communities who may accuse us of divisiveness, implying that somehow we are prioritizing our relationships with women from cultures entirely different from our own over our relationships with men from our own culture. But most of us who participate in organizations of women of color or who attempt to develop analyses focusing on women of color are trying to be neither diverse within our own community nor separatist within the women's movement. But we do have the right to define an autonomous space for ourselves as women of color when it is necessary. We do have that right."

This organization is a place where women of color can create a safe place that is free of racism, sexism, homophobia, classism,

xenophobia, and all forms of oppression and empower ourselves individually and collectively.

WOCC strives to connect current events locally, nationally, and internationally to make links with the local conditions that affect our everyday lives and to connect with others to combat oppressive conditions that affect our everyday lives and to connect with others to combat oppressive conditions.

Our past events and activities range from panel discussion on women in the sex trade industry to a film series. Our current events range from working with Big Mountain Support to working with issues concerning Mumia Abu-Jamal.

This is a call out to all those women of color on campus that would like to be part of this coalition. This is an opportunity to work on issues that are pertinent to our lives and our community. The group allows us not only to be activists but also to build a strong and lasting community.

coalition Against Sexual Violence (CAB 320, ext. 6274)

Resources:

Off Campus:

Safeplace Crises Line (24 Hours): 360/754.6300

Safeplace Business Line: 360/786.8754

Saint Peter's Hospital Emergency Room: 360/493.7289

On Campus (dial 866.6000 then the extension #):

Sexual Assault Prevention Coordinator: x5221

TESC Police Service: 911 or x6140

The Women's Resource Center: x6162

The Men's Center: x6092

The Counseling Center: x6200

What to do if you have been sexually assaulted:

The first 72 hours

Get to someplace where you feel safe, then call a friend or someone you trust.

Receive medical treatment immediately!!! This is incredibly important. Evidence from vaginal/penal intercourse can only be obtained within the first 72 hours at the most, 48 hours following anal intercourse, and 12 hours following oral. This aside, you need medical treatment. Before evidence is obtained do not shower, change, wash, eat or drink. Try not to urinate. If clothes are unwearable place them in a **brown paper bag**, not plastic. Even if you do not intend to press charges it is important to have an assault documented. Evidence must be collected via the PERK Exam (sometimes called a Rape Kit) on order for it to be legal evidence. Saint Peter's Hospital is the only hospital in the area that can perform the legal rape exam. The expense is covered by Crime Victims Compensation Act if the exam is performed with 72 hours of an assault. Saint Peter's freezes evidence and keeps it for up to a year. A person may tell the trained nurses at Saint Peter's to stop the exam at any point. If you feel you have been drugged ask specifically to be tested for GHB or other drugs commonly known as "Date Rape Drugs." These drugs will not show up on a standard drug test.

Some student activist groups

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is an impartial, worldwide human rights organization working to free prisoners of conscience, end torture and executions in all cases, and ensure prompt and fair trials for all political prisoners. At Evergreen, Amnesty International helps educate and inform the campus community about international human rights issues. They take nonviolent action against human rights abuses in the U.S. and abroad. Contact them at 866-6000 ext. 6098.

Asian Solidarity in Action (ASIA)

ASIA works to provide a space where the community can further their understanding and education of Asian culture. They also desire to support an open forum of ideas that might not be otherwise reached. Contact them at 866-6000 ext. 6033.

Evergreen Animal Rights Network

EARN is fundamentally opposed to the exploitation of non-human animals. Consequently, we strongly promote a vegan lifestyle (i.e. striving to consume no product which contributes to animal suffering). We are involved in activism both on and off the campus, and seek to contribute to the animal rights struggle on a local, state, and national level. On campus, we strive to educate and involve students in the animal rights movement by sponsoring annual events such as Animal Rights Awareness Week, World Week for Animals in Laboratories, and Evergreen Meatout Day. We also hold an annual fund-raiser like the 1997-98 "Punk Rock Prom" to benefit non-profit animal protection organizations such as Farm Sanctuary. Although our ultimate goal is animal liberation, we recognize that *all* forms of oppression must be combated.

Anyone that is interested in similar goals is welcome to join us. We meet on Tuesdays at 5pm in CAB 315. Please contact us at 866-6000 ext. 6555 for more info or questions.

The Evergreen Political Information Center

Evergreen Political Information Center

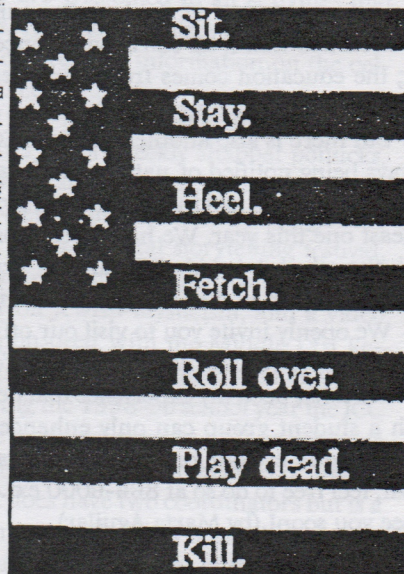
EPIC is not a club with a membership but a radical resource center and action network. As a funded student group, EPIC seeks to understand and respond to relevant

social and political issues. People that participate in the weekly meetings, organizing events and actions, decide the issues that the group will focus on. No one has more or less power than another in decision making. The consensus process is a tool to value all voices present, and EPIC strives to include a diverse representation of the student body and community members.

EPIC consists of a number of subgroups that work collectively on specific issues, like supporting Oregon farmworkers or planning to attend a counter-conference against economic agreements like APEC or the MAI. The subgroups generate actions and events which EPIC supports financially or with energy. Many subgroups become separate organizations with autonomous budgets after working through EPIC.

People working with EPIC are learning how to create active responses to the convictions they share about the world.

Creating a community of support and a nucleus of information is integral to making radical social change. EPIC works to provide Evergreen with avenues for both education and social action. Location: CAB 326 Phone number 866-6000 ext 6144.



MEChA

MEChA is the *Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan* which translates as The Chicano Student Movement. Some of you may already be familiar with MEChA since it is a nationwide student organization and is usually in the forefront of confronting many issues that effect the Chicano/Mexicano community. Others of you may have not heard of it at all. For those of you I say, please read on.

It has been my experience as a coordinator for MEChA that many people get the wrong impression of what it is we stand for or do. Since MEChA was started by the Chicano population, many people feel that it is an exclusive organization. Nothing could be further from the truth. Not only has MEChA had members of various backgrounds, we strive to work with other student groups that share the same concerns about things such as Chiapas Solidarity, Affirmative action, and Farm Working Conditions. Also, we are creating a stronger bond with other students of color groups since many of our experiences are the same.

Basically MEChA has always been what you make of it. The less input we receive, the less we can be of use to the student population. Sure, we hold our annual events such as *El Día de los Muertos* and *Cinco de Mayo*, but that's not what MEChA is all about. It is our responsibility to address issues that pertain to our community. Some people feel that they cannot do this because they are not informed, but that is also why we are here. Most of us are learning ourselves, and I have learned that it all starts with concern and caring; the education comes from our interaction with others who are learning as well.

But there is also another side to MEChA. We are always being notified of national and statewide conferences and I am looking forward to having us attend at least one this year. We have been working closely with the other statewide MEChA chapters and it has made an impact in the feeling of solidarity.

We openly invite you to visit our office or attend a meeting. We realize that you are here for an education but it has been my experience that being involved with a student group can only enhance the experience. Keep an eye out for flyers. If you want to give us a call, feel free to do so at 866-6000 ext. 6143. Hope to see you soon! (by Marta Aguilar)

The Men's Center

The mission of the Men's Center is to bring men together to explore our roles in society. We hope to create community for men in a place of safety and acceptance. The men's center is focused on educating all people for the sake of liberation and freedom through support groups and educational activities.

We are a pro-feminist group that exists on the Evergreen campus because we accept that Evergreen is not a utopia in any way and is not free of racial and sexual violence and sexist discrimination. We are here because we want to do something positive to counteract this violence and help create safety and growth in our community. Contact us at 866-6000 ext. 6092.

The Latin American Student/Solidarity Organization (LASO)

LASO works to support Latin American students and to promote awareness of the culture, language, politics and social conditions of Latin America through cultural activities, forums, lectures, films, Spanish conversation groups and open discussions. We work with our membership, community groups and other student organizations (like MEChA) to host events like: an altar for *El Día de los Muertos*, salsa dances, workshops, Central American speakers, seminars and a community-wide *Cinco de Mayo* celebration.



We'll be having our first community *cena* (dinner) soon after school starts and it would be great to see you there, all are welcome and we look forward to meeting you (call 866-6000 ext. 6583 for the date, place and time).

The Native Student Alliance (NSA)

NSA exists to serve and enhance the Native student population at Evergreen. They achieve this purpose through retention, recruitment and counseling of students, event organization and public speakers. Contact them at 866-6000 ext. 6105.

The Evergreen Queer Alliance (EQA)

The Evergreen Queer Alliance is dedicated to serving the needs of the Lesbian, Bi, Trans, and Gay people at the Evergreen State College and the surrounding Olympia and Thurston County community. We hope to educate ourselves and others on issues facing queers: homophobia, heterosexism, racism, and sexism. We encourage queer activism, pride, and expression of diversity. Since 1973, the EQA has been a safe place for queers on campus and has led the fight for recognition and respect both within the school system and in Olympia. This is our center - where we organize and mobilize to make change happen, bring speakers, films, workshops, and entertainment to TESC and work together to support one another in pursuing our own projects and interests to express and strengthen our community. We're friendly people who would love to see all queers participate, whether you're just questioning, just coming out, or have been out for years. Stop by our office, be a constituent, a volunteer, or an intern! We're here to serve you. Keep your eyes open for upcoming EQA events. Visit us in CAB 314 or call us at 866-6000 ext. 6544.

The Environmental Resource Center (ERC)

The ERC is Evergreen's consensus based environmental activist group. We also have an office brimming over with loads of information and resources—on issues, internships and enjoyment. Over the past few years many ERCers have come and gone, so the group has gone through numerous transitions, but now is underway in full rabble-rousing force! In the past year we worked with SEED (Students at Evergreen for Ecological Design) on providing an efficient compost system for TESC housing residents. Also in making Evergreen live up to its green reputation, we have implemented a new paper policy. So the school is currently testing 100% post consumer waste paper bleached with hydrogen peroxide with a plan to (hopefully) eventually switch to tree-free paper. On the campus front the other issues being worked on are food service, disposable/paper waste, and ground pesticides/cleaning chemicals used. Beyond Evergreen ERC has worked on corporate dominance issues such as the Mitsubishi and Shell oil boycotts. Other projects have included organizing Global Warming Protests during Billy C's visit to Seattle on route to the Kyoto conference. New campaigns include direct action to halt logging in areas of the Gifford-Pinchot National

Forest, working with PCUN (Oregon's farm worker's union), working on local Environmental Justice issues, and salmon habitat issues. The ERC strives for balance in working on campus and local issues, as well as reaching out into our bio region and participating in national and international campaigns. We are always open to ideas and inspiration, so stop by, give us a call (866-6000 ext. 6784) - everyone is welcome!

The Irish-American Student Organization (IASO)

IASO works to promote education, awareness, and appreciation of the culture, history, and politics of Ireland. They also work to provide a connection between their heritage and the lives of Irish-Americans. Contact them at 866-6000 ext. 6749.

The International Student Association (ISA)

ISA is an organization that promotes unity, support, and connections among the international students of the Evergreen community through regular activities. Contact them at 866-6000 ext. 6033.

The Jewish Cultural Center (JCC)

JCC acts as a resource for learning more about Jewish history and culture, Judaism, contemporary problems and political issues facing Jews, as well as providing a Jewish community on campus. The JCC is an open organization and does not affiliate with any one sect of Judaism. Students of all religious and ethnic backgrounds are welcomed in all activities that the JCC sponsors. The JCC organizes celebrations for Jewish holidays or provides information on the celebrations of local communities.

During the 1997-98 school year the JCC sponsored such activities as: Bi-Weekly Shabbat potlucks, a Jewish Identity Workshop (discussing such issues as assimilation, anti-Semitism, and Israel), a gigantic Passover Seder, a multi-cultural storytelling festival, speaker Abe Osheroff—a Jewish-American civil rights activist, a speaker on Jewish mysticism, and a video and dialogue cosponsored with the Middle East Resource Center on Israeli and Palestinian women working for peace. During the 1998-99 school year the JCC hopes to continue such activities as well as organize an activity that discusses the relationships of Blacks and Jews. The JCC does have two coordinators but is a community organization that has been able to produce such successful events because of the dedication of its participants. Contact the JCC at 866-6000 ext. 6493

The Prison Action Committee (PAC)

PAC is a group of people dedicated to creating fundamental changes in the existing prison system. The criminal justice system in the United States is an unacceptable waste of human life and public resources. Myths of fairness and propriety, however, surround the prison system disempowering people from coming to their own conclusions. Prisons are an issue that people tend to find unpleasant, but the problems of prisons in this country reflect the institutionalized racism, classism, and sexism. The goals of this group include exploding myths by raising awareness on campus about the many issues within prison work and providing a space for active student participation.

As students and members of a higher education institution, we see a responsibility to utilize our resources and knowledge to create solutions. Providing educational opportunities is a major goal of this group for ourselves, the prisoners in our area, and the Evergreen community. Evergreen was once available to prisoners, and through cuts and changes is less accessible to inmates. This group mobilizes around local issues and collaborates to create change. Location: CAB 320 ext. 6144

The Pacific Islander Association (PIA)

PIA seeks to promote identity for people of South Pacific ethnicity. They wish to show the community that South Pacific Islanders come from many different cultures and peoples. Contact them at 866-6000 ext. 6583.

The Students of Color Anthology

The Students of Color Anthology group produces an annual publication focusing on the experiences of people of color. They accept submissions from students at Evergreen. Contact them at 866-6000 ext. 6143.

Umoja (Students of African Descent)

Umoja attempts to capture the interest of those members of the Evergreen community who are of African descent. Their purpose is to create a place in the Evergreen community which teaches and provides activities for African-American students at Evergreen. Contact them at 866-6000 ext. 6781.

The Union of Students With Disabilities (USWD)

The Union of Students With Disabilities, the primary goal of which is to "...assist in the matriculation of students with disabilities..." would like to offer the following advice to new students with disabilities: Make an appointment with Linda Pickering, the Director (and, also the ADA Compliance Officer) for an "intake" evaluation of your specific needs associated with your disability. Linda will make a determination (based on the interview with you, your documentation, recommendations from your doctor, and your past experiences) on which accommodation(s) will be best for you.

Since I have been the Coordinator for the USWD, I have noticed that it is the students who choose to identify as having a disability and work with both Linda and USWD (find out our office hours and meeting times for fall quarter when school starts, by visiting our office at CAB 320, or calling 866-6000 ext. 6092) who seem to enjoy the most success in meeting their educational goals. (by Katy Johnson)

Washington Student Public Interest Research Group (WashPIRG)

WashPIRG is a student directed, student funded, non-profit, non-partisan consumer and environmental watchdog group active at Evergreen and University of Washington. WashPIRG's funding works toward hiring organizers who organize on issues at the local and national level. But what, you may ask, do they do here at Evergreen? Each year PIRG students work on a wide variety of issues, like hunger and homelessness, stream and waterway restoration and rights for students. For students looking for an internship, WashPIRG offers a wide variety of internships working on service projects and political issues. Students will learn how to run press events, petition gathering skills, lobbying, coalition building, meeting facilitation and a lot more. Give a call to 866-6000 ext. 6058 to find out more.

The Women's Resource Center (WRC)

The WRC strives to provide a library of books, periodicals, videos, and referrals to local service agencies. They also attempt to facilitate political action related to the concerns of women. They attempt to work towards the goal of college-funded, professionally staffed women's center to meet all the needs of the Evergreen women. Contact them at 866-6000 ext. 6162 or visit their office in CAB 206.

The Union of Student Workers (USW)

What is USW?

It is the mission of the Union of Student Workers to facilitate communication and workplace organizing among Evergreen's 900+ student workers. Evergreen is perceived by many to be a progressive institution, but the school's treatment of student workers does not always reflect this image. In the past students have been wrongfully fired, forced to work in dangerous conditions, and have had to deal with inconsistent pay raises—just to name a few issues. **This treatment is not O.K.!** If you feel you are being treated unfairly on the job, know that the Union is available as a resource and support for you.

Student workers are everywhere on campus: they run the computer center, they are program aides for academic programs, they maintain college housing, they answer the phones in college offices, they sell parking passes etc. When all of us come together there is a lot of potential to affect positive change on this campus where we work and go to school.

What has USW been up to?

You may be aware of USW's effort to move the school to a twice-a-month pay schedule for student workers. Citing the hardship caused by the once-a-month pay schedule and the fact that Evergreen student employees were the only student employees in the state not paid twice-a-month, USW was successful in pushing the school administration to deal with this problem.

The twice-a-month paycheck issue was a three-year struggle. In the first year USW met with administrative delay tactics: the school claimed our focus was too broad when we brought many student worker issues (livable wage issues, inability to work more than 19 hours/week, the once-a-month pay schedule) to their attention, and then turned around to claim our focus was too narrow when we brought to them one issue—the twice-a-month paycheck. In the Fall of 1998, in front of 400 supporters, USW confronted the administration on their inconsistencies and presented them with a plan to move to a twice-a-month pay schedule. Last Spring, a new Student Employment Office was created and we will be moving to the twice-a-month pay schedule this year.

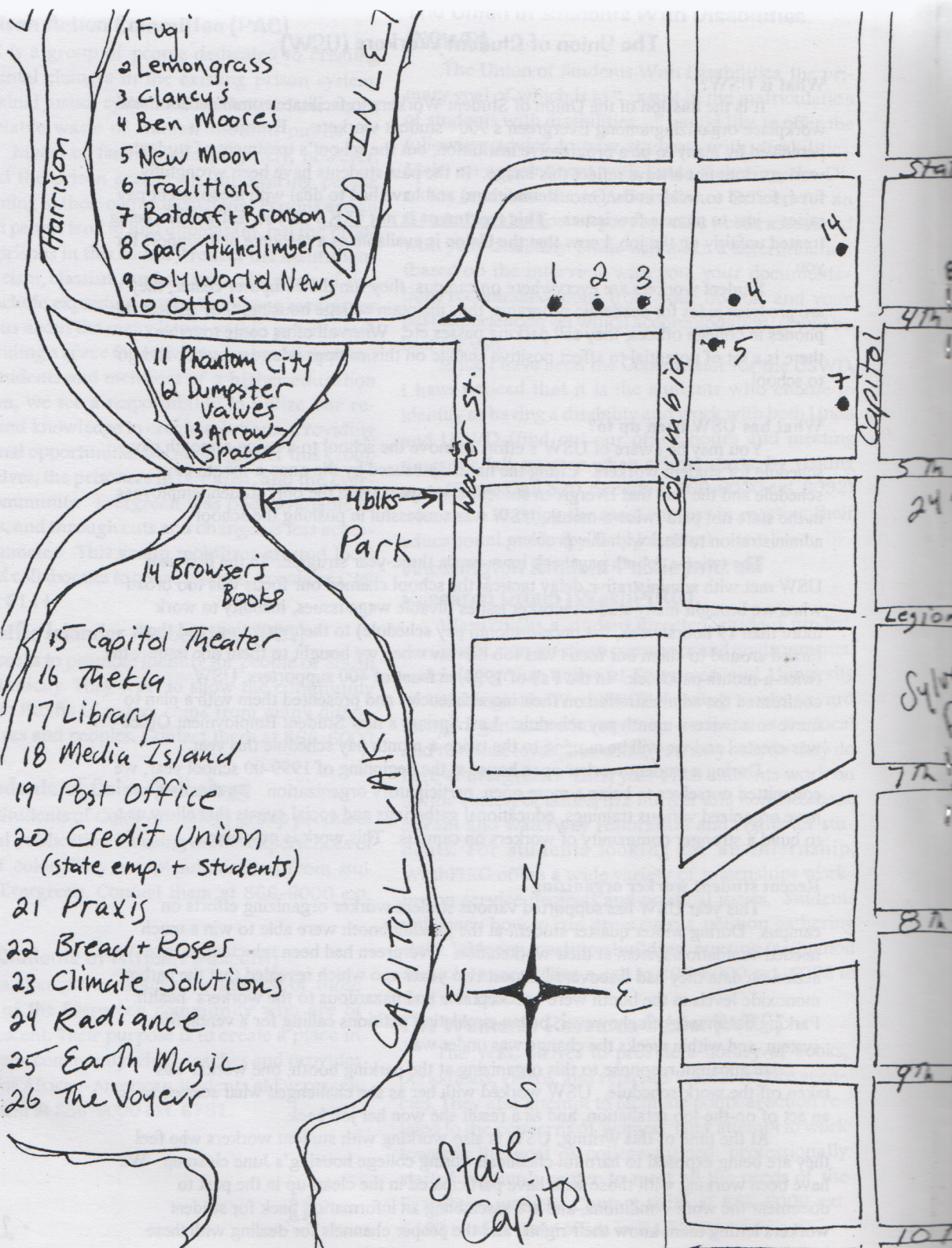
During a student worker open house at the beginning of 1999-00 school year, we committed ourselves to being a more open, participatory organization. To that end, we have organized various trainings, educational gatherings and social events that allow us to build a stronger community of workers on campus. This work is on-going.

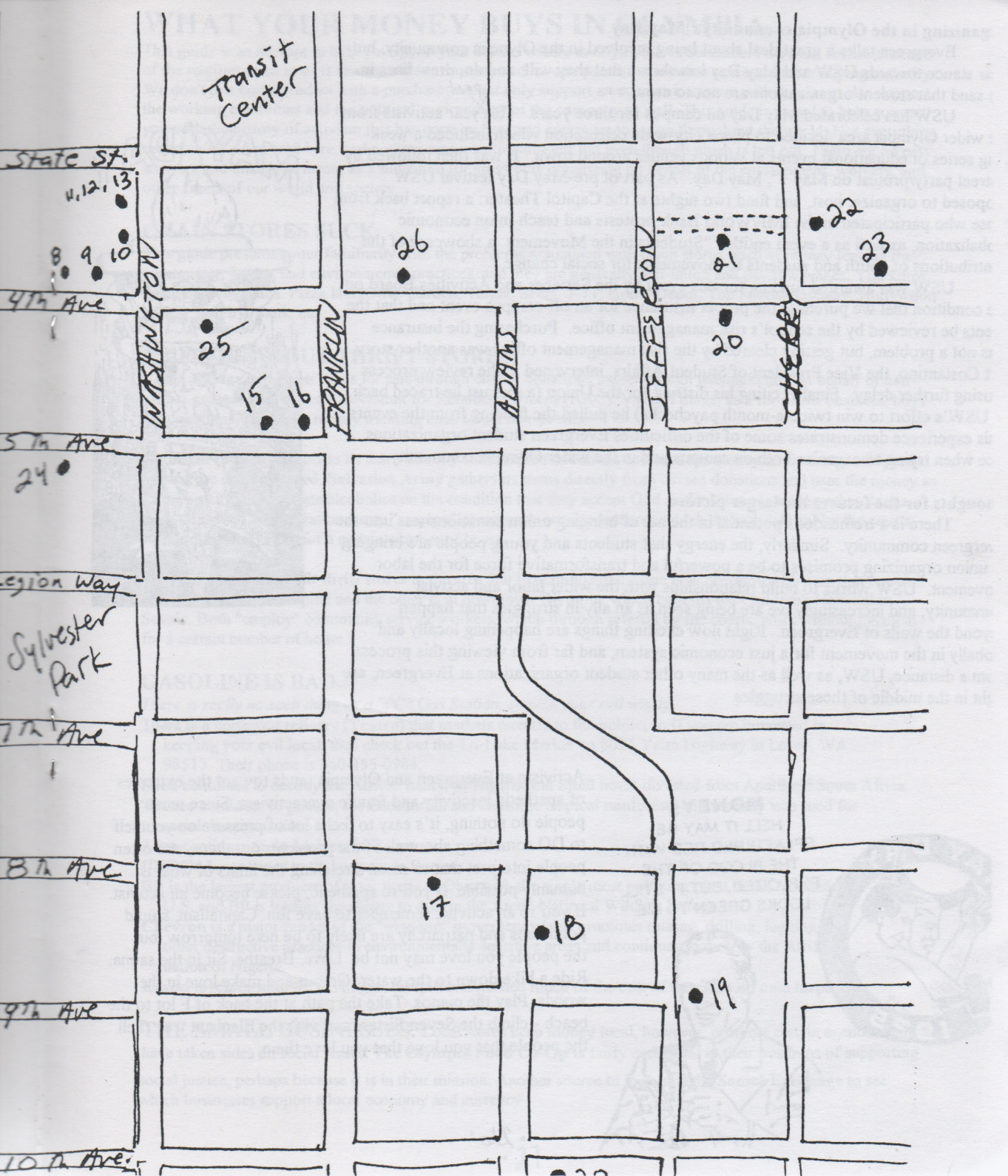
Recent student worker organizing

This year USW has supported various student worker organizing efforts on campus. During winter quarter student at the parking booth were able to win a much needed ventilation system at their workstation. Evergreen had been reluctant to take action on data they had discovered almost two years ago which revealed that the carbon monoxide levels in the booth were unacceptable and hazardous to the workers' health. Parking booth workers, however, began circulating petitions calling for a ventilation system, and within weeks the change was under way.

In apparent response to this organizing at the parking booth, one worker was taken off the work schedule. USW worked with her as she challenged what seemed to be an act of on-the-job retaliation, and as a result she won her job back.

At the time of this writing, USW is also working with student workers who feel they are being exposed to harmful chemicals during college housing's June clean-up. We have been working with those who have participated in the clean-up in the past to document the work conditions, and are assembling an information pack for student workers letting them know their rights, and the proper channels for dealing with these issues should they arise.





ganizing in the Olympia community: May Day

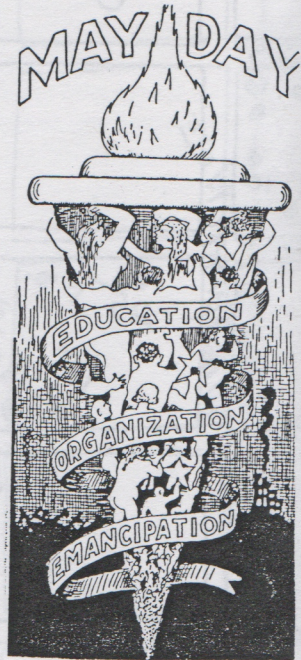
Evergreen talks a great deal about being involved in the Olympia community, but his stance towards USW and May Day has shown that they will, and do, draw lines in sand that student organizations are not to cross.

USW has celebrated May Day on campus for three years. This year activists from the wider Olympia area decided to plan a city-wide celebration which included a week-long series of educational events at various venues around town. It was then followed by a street party/protest on May 1st, May-Day. As part of pre-May Day festival USW proposed to organize, host, and fund two nights at the Capitol Theater: a report back from those who participated in the IMF/World Bank protests and teach-in on economic globalization, as well as a event entitled "Students in the Movement: a showcase of the contributions of youth and students to movements for social change."

USW was awarded funding for this event by the Services and Activities Board on the condition that we purchase the proper insurance for an off-campus event and that the events be reviewed by the school's risk management office. Purchasing the insurance is not a problem, but getting cleared by the risk management office was another story. Tom Costantino, the Vice President of Student Affairs, intervened in the review process using further delay. Finally, citing his distrust for the Union (a distrust he traced back to USW's effort to win twice-a-month paychecks) he pulled the funding from the events. His experience demonstrates some of the difficulties Evergreen student organizations face when trying to organize both on campus and in the wider Olympia community.

thoughts for the future: the larger picture

There is a tremendous potential in the act of bringing union consciousness into the Evergreen community. Similarly, the energy that students and young people are bringing to union organizing promises to be a powerful and transformative force for the labor movement. USW works to build relationships with the wider labor and activist community, and increasingly we are being seen as an ally in struggles that happen beyond the walls of Evergreen. Right now exciting things are happening locally and globally in the movement for a just economic system, and far from viewing this process from a distance, USW, as well as the many other student organizations at Evergreen, are right in the middle of these struggles.



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Activism at Evergreen and Olympia tends toward the extremes of apathetic inactivity and frantic overactivism. Since most people do nothing, it's easy to feel a lot of pressure on yourself to DO something about all of the problems out there, and often people interpret that to mean stretching the limits of what is humanly possible. If you're apathetic, please become an activist. If you're an activist, remember to have fun. Capitalism, stupid politicians and patriarchy are likely to be here tomorrow, but the people you love may not be. Love. Breathe. Sit in the sauna. Ride a bike down to the water. Go out and make love in the woods. Play the pianos. Take the path at the back of F lot to the beach - climb the Seven Sisters and visit the Elephant tree. Tell the people that you love that you love them.

WHAT YOUR MONEY BUYS IN OLYMPIA.

This guide is an attempt to help you spend your dollars wisely in Olympia. As consumers we must realize that one of the realities open to us is to vote with our money and let companies know what you are/are not buying and why. We don't just buy a product with a purchase; we not only support an economic system with it, but we also support the working conditions and the political environment of the company as well. This guide is meant to help connect you with the history of activism that has gone on here and continues to go on throughout the world. Not everything in the world is covered here, and nothing was intentionally left out even though much is left out. There are no easy answers and this is not meant as a substitute for grassroots organizing on behalf of the environment, workers, and other facets of our world and society.

CHAIN STORES SUCK.

This guide presumes your familiarity with the problems associated with chain stores, such as money leaving the community, having bad environmental practices, and they are generally anti-union and pay low wages. You know them as McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Olive Garden, Target, Sears, 7-11, Home Depot, Top Foods, Safeway, Hollywood Video, SeaFirst Bank, etc.

A LITTLE ABOUT THRIFT STORES.

Value Village gathers its items for sale through citizen donations made through telemarketing on behalf of non-profits groups, such as the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC). Value Village, as a for-profit business, buys the donations with some money trickling back to the non-profits.

Goodwill Industries gathers its items directly from citizen donations and uses the money it raises as a non-profit to train the disadvantaged. **Salvation Army** gathers its items directly from citizen donations and uses the money as a non-profit to rehabilitate alcoholics on the condition that they accept God as the solution, among other things. Both Goodwill and Salvation Army "employ" community service workers, which through referral by the courts, work without payment for a certain number of hours.

There are two **non-profit thrift stores** in the area that benefit hospitals: one is in downtown Shelton that benefits the Mason County Hospital and the other is in downtown Olympia, which benefits the Children's Hospital in Seattle. Both "employ" community service workers, which through referral by the courts, work without payment for a certain number of hours.

GASOLINE IS BAD.

There is really no such thing as a "PC" Gas Station, so pick your evil wisely.

There is a northwest refinery (**Tesoro**) that markets directly to the public; so if you are interested in keeping your evil local, then check out the Tri-Lake Market on 8031 Yelm Highway in Lacey, WA 98513. Their phone is 360-455-0984.

Shell continues to destroy the African nation of Nigeria and **Shell** never divested from Apartheid South Africa.

Texaco continues to plunder the Ecuadorian and Burmese tropical rainforests and recently was sued for racial discrimination.

Arco continues to do business in Burma.

UNOCAL continues to do business in Burma.

BP is the largest producer of toxic waste in Ohio with the single most polluting plant in the Northeastern U.S. and BP is leading the charge to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Chevron is a major funder of the "wise-use" movement which promotes mining, drilling, logging and other destructive practices in environmentally sensitive areas and continues to destroy the African nation of Nigeria.

Exxon is responsible for the largest oil spill and pushed much of the cost of the clean-up onto taxpayers.

THE SMALL BUSINESSES. Local stores keep money local, however, promote certain agendas and have taken sides on social issues. **The Olympia Food Co-Op** is fairly consistent in their positions of supporting social justice, perhaps because it is in their mission. Another source to look at is the **Sound Exchange** to see which businesses support a local economy and currency.

Some downtown businesses have formed the **Olympia Downtown Association** and have initiated and lobbied the city to enact certain targeted laws:

- 1986 - Criminalization of Skateboarding Downtown - *against youth*
- 1987 - Outlawing of Teen Dance Clubs - *against youth*
- 1990 - Criminalization of Loud Car Stereos - *against youth*
- 1991 - Outlawing of Cruising - *against youth*
- 1993 - Criminalization of "Aggressive Panhandling" - *against homeless*
- 1994/5 - Attempted Stop of Transitional Housing for Homeless - *against homeless*
- 1995 - Proposed Criminalization of Car Camping - *against homeless*
- 1995 - Proposed Outlawing of Fortified Wine - *against homeless*
- 1996 - Outlawing of OAPP Needle Exchange - *against youth & homeless*
- 1996/7 - Attempted Banning of Sitting on the Sidewalk - *against youth & homeless*
- 1999/2000 - Ongoing Criminalization of Graffiti - *against youth*

Below the good news (+) comes first in each category followed by the names of businesses that have taken bad social justice positions on particular issues (-).

Businesses in Support of Graffiti Walls

- (+) Supporters: Chris' New Moon Cafe, Dumpster Values, Midnight Sun, Old School Pizzeria, Olympia Film Society, Otto's Bagels, Thekla
- (-) Opponents: The ODA

No Sitting On The Sidewalk City Ordinance

- (+) Opponents: Always Safe and Lock, Brown & Balsley Sign, Olympia World News, Cascadia Research, Childhood's End, Danger Room Comics, Earth Magic, Five Corners, Fuji Teriyaki, Haut Hats, Jamie Lee & Co., K Records, Kill Rock Stars, Kundalini Coffee, Midnight Sun, Mini Saigon, Old School Pizzeria, Tee's Me, MIXX 96, Whole Earth Imports, Working Systems Inc., YoYo Prod.
- (-) Supporters: The Spar, Washington Center, Dean Whitter's, King Solomon's, Gold's Gym, Coast Office Supplies
- (+) **OAPP Needle Exchange's** conspicuous supporter was Proffitt's Cafe (under former ownership who is now Chris' New Moon Cafe)

The Fleetwood Low Income Housing Project

- (+) Supporters: Traditions Cafe, David Stein & Associates, Thekla, Danger Room Comics, Electric Rose Tattoo, Five Corners, Olympia World News, Fish Brewing, Budd Bay Realty, Radiance, Archibald Sisters, Jamie Lee & Co., Looks Hair Design
- (-) Opponents: Applebaum Violin Shop, Audio Northwest, B&B Auto, Bartels, Castle Enterprises, CD Connection, Chatterry Down, Coast Office Supplies, Cuda Construction, Deskoba Inc., Especially Made Designs, Hodges Inc., Jinjor, JR Roofing, Key Bank, Koehler's Furniture, Little Richards, Lynch Paint, Olympia Printing, Panowicz, Pizzazz, Salvation Army, Storman's (Bayview and Ralph's Thriftway), Urban Onion, US Marine Sales, Walt's Radiator, Washington Center, Washington Travel, Wind Up Here

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered Rights

- (+) Active Supporters (as advertised in Capital Q): Altered States, Archibald Sisters, Batdorf & Bronson, Darby's Cafe, Hannah's Tavern, Jamie Lee & Co, Mike Cook's Antiques, MIXX 96, Olympia Food Co-Op, S. Don Phelps-Attorney, Radiance, Rainy Day Records, Shakti Cove Cottages, Sigafos & Witcher, Thekla, Tumwater Travel Service, Wild Grace Arts; (also see **Pink Pages**)
- (-) Opponents (also see **Fishies** section below): J-Vee Health Foods

Farmworker Boycott (WA Winery)

- (+) Supporters: Ben Moore, Chatterry Down, Gardner's, Henry C's, Jo Mama's, Patrick's, Urban Onion
- (-) Particularly nasty opponents include Budd Bay, Genoas, St. Martin's, Coast Office Supply, Olive Garden

Farmworker Boycott (OR's PCUN Gardenburger)

(+) Supporters: Olympia Food Co-Op, TESC, Budd Bay, Darby's, Sara's Kitchen, Pipers Lady.

(-) Opponents: Urban Onion, Falls Terrace

(-) Anti-Native Establishments (with a Smoke-Shop Indian Carving): The Spar, Cigarettes Cheaper

(-) Anti-Union Establishments: Urban Union/Elyse's Potpourri, The Spar, Capital Coachman, Henry C's, Burrito Heaven (under former owner)

(+) Boycott China Products (human rights issue): Traditions Cafe

What is "Fair Trade"?

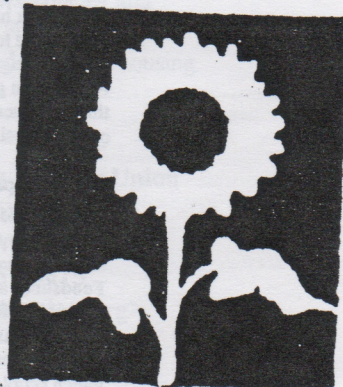
There are enormous social and environmental costs associated with the "free trade" economy which dominates our modern world. The Fair Trade Federation (FTF) provides consumers an alternative to supporting the exploitative practices of free trade. "Fair Trade" means an equitable and fair partnership between marketers in North America and producers in Asia, Africa, Latin America and other parts of the world. FTF members are committed to:

- Paying a fair wage in the local context.
- Providing equal opportunities for all people, particularly the most disadvantaged.
- Engaging in environmentally sustainable practices.
- Building long-term trade relationships.
- Providing healthy and safe working conditions.
- Providing financial and technical assistance to workers whenever possible.

A local member of FTF can be found in downtown Olympia. For more information about how you can make a difference one purchase at a time and about Fair Trade - visit *Traditions Cafe and World Folk Art* at the corner of 5th Avenue SE and Water Street (300 5th Ave. SE).



Praxis is a collectively-run community organizing center located in a renovated warehouse downtown. Home to a radical book library, tool library, stacks of zines, & a pantry of natural medicine, Praxis is also available as a free space to host meetings, workshops, benefits, & other events. Come to use our resources or share yours, swap ideas or find information, plan insurrection or nap on the couch. You can find Praxis at 512 1/2 4th ave, in the alley between 4th & State behind The Fireplace Store. call 236 8859 to schedule events or check open hours.



REVOLUTIONARY EATING . . .

Rainier cherries pouring nectar into my parched mouth, laughing with friends while picking blueberries and blackberries in a food jungle on steamboat island, lively discussion over a table swollen with potluck food; this is the kind of activism that loads of Olympians revel in. Eating is a magical yet necessary act; in American "consumer culture" food is stripped to necessity: calories, fat, protein, cost, vitamins, minerals, and cancer causing additives. Our children are required to learn a variety of boring and useless subjects, but are rarely offered the basic knowledge of how to grow food. Many adults do not even know what a broccoli plant looks like, let alone how to grow food for themselves.

We have lost our knowledge of how food is produced. The soil, hands, and now robotics, petroleum, and multinational corporations are not often considered with the purchase of a banana from Safeway or vegan chili from the Deli. While organics solve the problems of the poisoning of our bodies, our genetics, and the earth with pesticides and genetic engineering a host of other problems remain. Our global food system is wracked with problems: corporate domination and theft, the funneling of resources, to a very small group of moneyed individuals, centralization, migrant labor exploitation, the displacement of rural communities, the transformation of independent indigenous people to starving slum dwellers and wage-slaves, starvation in a time of overproduction, government subsidies to destructive farming practices, animal concentration camps, farmers world-wide losing their land, desertification of fertile land, deforestation of rain forests, pollutants spewed in transporting each piece of food an average of 7,000 miles. An eating revolution is necessary to purge the problems of our global food system, and restore a balance with the earth and people worldwide.

Communities all over the world are participating in this food revolution—spitting out corporate poison and gobbling local sun-ripened strawberries. The food movement in Olympia is different for every individual. I will give a quick look at places to plug in, but I am certain that my scope is narrow, as I am not an omnipotent being (some people forget this sometimes). The best way to find out more about food in Olympia is to talk to strangers—(this is also the best way to find true love, the meaning of life, and the key to a successful overthrow of capitalism and to create community – the only way to create a truly sustainable food system.)

CREATING & ACQUIRING FOOD

The Olympia Farmers Market (401 Capital Way, 342-9096) is open Thur-Sun 10am-3pm throughout the summer; hours are reduced as the weather gets colder. At the market there are many farmers selling produce, flowers, seedlings, and more; as well beautiful baked goods and tasty hot food. Shopping here is a great way to support local people without money getting sucked out of Olympia. The Olympia Food Coop (2 locations: west side at 921 Rogers (754-7666); east side at 3111 Pacific (956-3870)) is a comfortable, fun, and cheap place to shop for tasty, sustainably grown food. It is also a great place to meet folks, and get up to date on the goings on of the community. Becoming a working member is a great way to save money and meet people. LOOFÅ (local organic original food awaits) caters and delivers good food to campus. Email olyorganic@hotmail.com for more menus and prices. The Thurston County Farm Directory is available at both food Coops. It contains a map of small farms in the area. Buying food directly from farmers is good for the farmer because there is no middle man sucking off profit. It is good for the eater to get out of town and to truly experience food. Dumpsters are a great way to side-step consumerism. For the best diving one can go to Seattle or Portland, but here in Oly and outlying areas some scores can be made. I have experienced some perfectly ripened mangos, papayas, tomatoes, awesome pizzas and more from in-town, and have heard tall tales of amazing finds. Exploration and word of mouth is the best way to find goldmines.

Community gardens create community while teaching people how to grow their own food and become independent from the global food system being a great place to learn and share no matter what your experience. Sister Holly has two gardens, one downtown and one on the west side. If you want to learn more about how to get involved call 753-5522. Evergreen Community Gardens: TESC's community gardens are located at the Organic Farm on campus. Take a look at a campus map, there is a wooded trail from parking lot A. These lovely gardens are made up of small plots that individuals and groups grow in. Anyone can get a plot. There are monthly workshops and friendly, helpful people. Guerrilla Gardening- this movement questions private property and land use while bringing folks together to grow food. Check out the website for info and contacts- www.mayday2k.org/oly/garden

SHARING the TABLE:

Food has the power to bring us together –the following are some places where you may be able to discuss creating a more sustainable Olympia, meet people, and eat good food simultaneously Food not Bombs- serves free vegan food to a diverse and friendly group in Sylvester Park on Sundays at 12:30. Sound Foodshed- a group of folks that have regular potluck meetings focused around taking action to create a sustainable food system in Olympia. Email Kevin at kaonutt@aol.com for more information. EARN- an animal rights group on campus that organizes vegan events. Stop by the office on the third floor of the CAB for more to learn more. Olympia Housing Collective is a network of cooperative households in which people share food-take a look at the article in this manual for more information.

Food Not Bombs!

Food Not Bombs! (FNB) Olympia has been sharing free vegan meals for many years now to a wide variety of people, ranging from single moms, punk rock travelers, the "homeless", and students. These gourmet meals, absent of any animal products, are composed mostly of food that would otherwise get sent to the landfill. They serve openly, in public space, without permission from the authorities, a philosophy that is proactive and brilliantly simple, and with group dynamics that create lasting community/individual pride and sustained relationships.

FNB is a community of international autonomous groups with some consistent norms. FNB cooks only vegan food. FNB is leaderless, decentralized, and when decisions need to be made, they done by consensus among those currently participating. FNB strives to create a better society by promoting and creating opportunity for community building through the sharing of healthy free food in comfortable atmospheres.

The name, FNB, describes the basic philosophy of this group, that society and people need to promote food, i.e. life, over bombs, i.e. death. An estimated 26% of edible food is thrown away every year in this country. Meanwhile, people go hungry, eat inadequate meals, AND STARVE. This is completely avoidable, but political, economic and cultural norms demand that people pay for their food, and that superficially, it must be perfect. In 1992, 10% of city trash was composed of edible food. This is roughly 250 million pounds of food unavailable to the hungry. It is estimated that only 50 million pounds of food are needed to end hunger in America. Therefore, as a reaction to this wastefulness, Food Not Bombs promotes food recovery.

FNB Olympia has been a very loose group, with no formal members, meetings, no bank accounts, no power fights, and no cases of food poisoning. And yet they consistently come with needed food at social action events such as the recent Capitol City Pride Parade, the May Day street party, tenant's union conferences, the anti-WTO actions, as well as showing up to Sylvester Park, the corner of 7th and Capitol, every Sunday at 12:30 pm.

There are many ways to help: on Sundays, one can help cook at 10:30 at Bread and Roses on Cherry St, one can help set up at the park, play music, make art, or help clean at around 1:30 at Bread and Roses. One can donate their half full spice jars when they move. One can contact local buisnesses about food pickups. There are numerous ways to become involved. They welcome anyone interested to show up for a few hours to experience the joy of feeding large groups of diverse people healthy exciting food.

For more information, contact Greg at 753-4947, or Gray at grayair@yahoo.com or 786-3743.

The Thurston County Tenants Union (TCTU) is a grassroots, non-partisan, direct action, membership organization working together for tenants rights. We believe that all tenants have the right to decent housing at affordable prices, free from excessive and frequent rent increases, unjust evictions and discrimination. The mission of the TCTU is to improve the lives of Thurston County's tenants by promoting laws, policies, and tenant organizing in support of safe, decent and affordable housing as a basic human right. Furthermore, we believe that when conflict arises between tenants' needs and owners' profits, the basic need for decent housing at affordable prices must take priority over the economic interests of the landowners.

We operate a hotline to answer tenant questions on How to Get REPAIRS done, How to Get DEPOSITS back, and other questions. We have volunteer and intern opportunities.



Thurston County Tenants Union
PO Box 295

Olympia, WA 98507
(360) 357-0615

<www.tenantsunion.org>

Kick-ass COMMUNITY Groups Get Involved!

South Puget Sound Environmental Education Clearinghouse (SPEECH) - 209 East 4th Ave. 786-6349) A community environmental resource center providing a newsletter (The Southsound Greenpages), a directory of local and regional environmental groups, and a meeting space for environmental organizations.

Stonewall Youth - PO Box 7383, Oly, 98507 705-2738) This group provides information, support and advocacy for bi/gay/lesbian youth.

Thurston County Community Television (CTV) - 440 Yauger Way, Suite C (956-3100) Public access Television offering free classes and easy access to the airwaves.

Thurston County National Organization for Women - (357-7272) Members of this group receive a periodic newsletter and engage in educational and political activities.

Thurston Santo Tomas Sister County Association - (866-9193) A solidarity action group that supports community sustainability and delegations to and from Santo Tomas, Nicaragua.

United Communities AIDS Network - 1408 East State St. Oly 98506 (352-2375) This non-profit service agency is for people affected by HIV in Thurston County. Some of the care services include: assessment, buddy/companion program, drop in center, HIV resource library, direct service fund, support groups, volunteer training and placement, a speakers bureau, IV prevention, and youth outreach.

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Bread and Roses - 114 Cherry St. (705-1125) A Catholic Worker house of hospitality offering meals and housing to homeless folks. Volunteers are always needed.

The Committee In Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) - (866-6000 ext 6513) This national organization fights against US efforts to dominate Latin America, whether by military invasion, covert action, or economic blackmail. CISPES actively helps build an alternative: people's power, with participatory democracy, human rights, and economic justice.

Community Build A Bike - (705-2494) The Community Build-A-Bike project helps build self-esteem by having adults and kids (between ages 8 & 18) work together to rebuild donated bikes for the kids to keep. Community Build-A-Bike also teaches traffic safety, bike maintenance, hands on repair, and gives away free helmets.

CopWatch - (705-2726) A group monitoring Olympia Police Department Activity. Call to report police abuse.

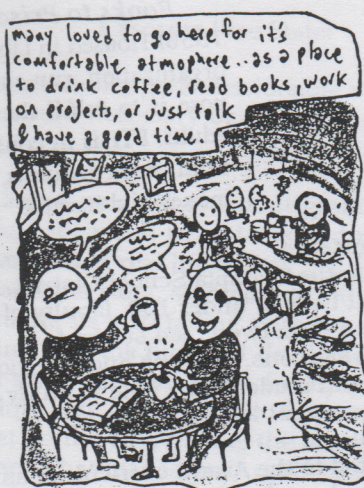
Feminists in Self-Defense Training (FIST) - PO Box 1883, Olympia, 98507 (438-0288) A group providing assault prevention training to women and teens.

Fellowship of Reconciliation - 5015 15th Ave SE, Lacey 98503 (491-9093) A faith based peace and social justice group which produces a newsletter and a TCTV program.

Olympia Coalition For Equal Opportunity - (943-7469) A local civil rights coalition of groups and individuals who seek to support affirmative action and other hard-won programs that seek to give equal opportunity to all, regardless of age, gender, race, veteran standing, and/or disability.

Safeplace rape relief Women's
Shelter Services-24 hour
Counseling line 754-6300
Business line- 786-8754
Call for info or to volunteer

Pastors for Peace Caravans - (352-3329) A local contact for a national organization. They serve to empower citizens to travel to areas that need aid, and participate in witnessing the human rights conditions in Chiapas, Mexico, Nicaragua, and elsewhere in Latin America.



CRAZEE ESPRESSO! GET YOUR CORPORATE-FOUR-DOLLAR-COFFEE AND GET OUT!

For twelve years a coffeeshop used to exist downtown named Dancing Goats Espresso Company. It was virtually the center of downtown, a place for people to meet, to study, to cavort, and to relax. It had a comfortable atmosphere, a constantly changing music selection, and independent minded employees who were responsible for running the shop and making its decisions. And while the employees were never paid what they deserved and had to with the tyrannical whim of the employer, Terry Ziniewicz, they owned a great deal of autonomy within the shop.

But that's all changed. The space at 124 E 4th Ave. (at the corner of Washington St.) is now a Crazee Espresso coffee shop, one in a chain of five, and is growing at a rapid rate (three new shops in the last two months). The owners maintain that they are a local family owned business, and there is no way to dispute that, but they use that statement to soften the blow of what they in actuality are: a corporation. All employees are currently required to sign a ten or so page form of the Crazee Espresso rules, wear a Crazee Espresso T shirt and apron, and serve up products in accordance with the conformity of the product available at the other stores. In essence this means that no matter what location you go to, you will receive the same product and the employees will be dressed the same.

Dancing Goats used to have large tables, carpeting and seating at the bar so the customers could chat with employees. The tables have been replaced with tiny tables you could scarcely fit a book upon, the carpeting has been removed and replaced with tacky designs in conformity with the corporate logo, and the seating at the bar has been taken away. The actual bar has been altered in such a manner that it is virtually impossible to sit there (no leg room or elbow rests). The employees are not entitled to benefits, and the music selection has been replaced by DMX, a digital preprogrammed radio service, in addition to a volume control. Dancing Goats promoted relaxation and a comfortable environment Crazee Espresso promotes a to go culture with no comfortable meeting place and surplus of waste due to the fact that since no one feels comfortable sitting in there, almost all drinks are served in plastic or paper to go cups. In the changeover, one longtime employee was fired, and another was almost fired (she has worked there for four years, approximately one year and a half longer than the current owner has owned it), but got it back after crying to the boss.

Terry Ziniewicz is slowly weeding out any troublemakers by crushing any and all dissent. He is attempting to cleanse the old employees in an effort to get rid of the clientele who are friends of the employees who would hang out there (and buy stuff!). He ultimately wishes his customers to go in to any of his locations and get the same product and the same smile. Crazee Espresso may be family and locally owned, but that doesn't make up for the fact that it is a corporation!

Please boycott Crazee Espresso. As a customer, you are supporting and contributing to poor labor standards, the homogenization of downtown Olympia and one man's quest for your dollar. In a recent survey the Cooper Point Journal, Dancing Goats demonstrated that it was the most expensive coffeeshop in town (out of a survey of around ten local coffeeshouses, and the prices have gone up since the transformation). You can spend your coffee dollars and hang out at lots of good local cafes (look up in the 'fun things to do in Oly' section.)

More Kick-Ass COMMUNITY GROUPS

Books to Prisoners (BTP) - 116 4th Ave (352-7336) Housed in Liberation Cafe, this is a non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers, whose purpose is to fulfill the reading needs of incarcerated adults. BTP is in constant need of volunteers to help fulfill book requests, as well as donations of books, money and stamps.

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Big Mountain / Black Mesa Resistance to Genocide

Cultural extinction of indigenous people within the borders of the United States is happening RIGHT NOW.

In 1974 the US Congress passed Public Law 93-531 allegedly to settle a so-called land dispute between the Dineh (Navajo) and their Hopi neighbors. This law required the forced relocation of thousands of Dineh and a hundred Hopi from their ancestral homelands. The "dispute" being settled by PL-9351 was, in reality, fabricated by the US government and Peabody Coal Company as a way to obtain access to strip-mine one of the largest coal reserves in North America. The land, known as Black Mesa, is home to thousands of traditional shepherders, weavers, silversmiths, and farmers. For hundreds of years before Europeans came to the Americas, the Dineh and Hopi existed in peace with each other and in balance with the Earth.

To this day, the US government continues to wage low-intensity warfare against the resistors and the land. This includes impounding sheep, cattle, and horses, restricting wood gathering, not allowing people to build or repair their homes, destroying wells, bulldozing homes and ceremonial structures, and constant surveillance by federal agents. In addition, Peabody Coal uses 1.5 billion gallons of water per year to transport their coal, depleting the aquifer beneath Black Mesa. Peabody has destroyed over 4,000 ancient ruins and burial sites, and sacred and ceremonial areas, in effect destroying major parts of the Dineh land based religion.

Since 1974, more than 15,000 Dineh and 100 Hopi have been relocated. Most Dineh have been sent to the "New Lands," at Sanders, NM, which is downstream from one of the worst radioactive spills in the world, second only to Chernobyl. Since moving there, about 25% of the people have died from cancer.

"Relocation is a word that does not exist in the Dineh language. To be relocated is to disappear and never be seen again."

Pauline Whitesinger, Dineh elder and resistor

To find out more information, start at www.blackmesais.org.

To connect with local support groups, contact media island(352-8526), epic(x6144), or nsa(x6105)

critical mass, n. 1. the amount of a given fissionable material necessary to sustain a chain reaction. 2. an amount necessary or sufficient to have a significant effect or to achieve a result.

I've been thinking...about revolution. About grandmothers and hometowns, bicycles and blues music, babies and mountains and making love. Been thinking about truth and beauty and what real life makes you feel like; like a crashing midwest thunderstorm and the slow, scented warmth that follows...like battling a fever throughout the night, its grip fading with the dawn...like wandering, confused, alone and losing, like the hundred dead end directions that delude, and the sweet relief that soaks the soul when finally you give in to the heart in your chest and become love, life, and struggle. Become one with the plants, the people, and the earth...let go the city, the lie, the money, the TV, the automobile. When you are most alone, what makes you real? Listen to the simple rhythm of the sea washing clean the residue of ugly wasteful dreams- let them recede. What do you need to feel free?

Most of us know this whole scene is fucked up-- in some way or other, we have felt the dire touch of a desperate, greedy disease...get up, get going, move on, make more, cut corners, take the easy way out. Forget yourself...race to the bottom, try to get on top. The master rewards efficiency, numbness, obedience. Desecrate your soul for position in the new world order.

Meanwhile, species disappear...parking lots and prisons proliferate. The planet gets warmer, disease gets thicker, hunger scrapes deeper, the rich get richer. Look closer: this cash-crop, clear-cut, strip-mine impending disaster unfolds in the blink of an eye, evolutionary time. We are losing our future faster than ever before, plowed under the profit machine, the possibility of peace ground in the gears of the greedy disease. What for?

Trace the decisions made by people in history: who decided to own the earth, to own people, to commodify life? Who has the power to decide today what tomorrow will look like? What assumptions drive modern society? Seek the links...Is corporate domination "inevitable," or just despicable? What defines the corporate interest, and what defines the interest of real people? Why does the government support destructive, monopolistic industry with military force? Can such an institution alone, what makes you real? Beyond the manufactured ideals... what do you feel? We live in the Cascadia bioregion, bound not by lines on a map but mountains and the sea; we live among volcanoes and rivers and ancient trees; we are real people; we are responsible to the earth below our feet.

Revolution is real. It comes from the good, sacred stuff that is us: the genuine soul that shines when we feel loved, and when we show love; Revolution comes closer when we put roots down in a place, embrace a community, insist on being ourselves. Revolution is inevitable when we refuse to tolerate the greedy disease. Reclaim Cascadia!!!!



BREAK OUT OF THE GENDER BOXES



Many of us in the U.S. have been raised under some very peculiar conditions. You may notice the tendency of many Americans to force their children into unconditional guidelines or regulations which determine what young people wear, how they interact with each other, who they are allowed to be attracted to, what jobs they have when they grow up, and how often they assert themselves.

There are family members and friends across this country right this moment pushing their children to fit molds of blue or pink outfits, toy trucks or dolls, heterosexuality or banishment, sports or piano lessons, lawn mowing or cooking lessons. This odd phenomenon is commonly called gender. These limitations are imposed upon children, many of whom we call, in unwelcome authority, boys and girls. Some kids don't fit the mold. We are the children sneaking into our parents closets in our secret moments alone, fearing capture, fearing punishment for what is clearly "wrong." We are the ones who are called mentally ill, disowned from our family and friends, pushed to the limits of social acceptance, and for what? Because we don't fit the boxes? We are a population of people that challenge and question our gender. We are the children, the teenagers, the young, middle aged, and elders who are larger in number than you may expect.

Often times when people consider gender they think of men and women, male and female. This does not take into account those among us who are born intersex (with both male and female genitals, genitals which resemble neither, or a chromosome count which contradicts our reproductive system); this does not stand for those of us who feel from a young or an old age that we have been wrongly assigned (we are given the social assignments of male or female sometimes even before birth); this does not explain those of us who live totally outside of man or woman. For those of you who have never questioned the existence or use of gender I invite you to think critically. Perhaps you can make lists of questions always answering with another question, such as: *am I a man? how do I know I am a man? who decided that I was a man? how did they know what a man was? who first decided what it means to be a man?*

and so on, and so on. It may seem ridiculous, but you may also end up with more answers than questions. The sheer power of gender is the fact that we never question it. In the instances when it is questioned danger approaches. That is why some children live in fear of being caught rifling through their mothers' dresses or fathers' tie collection. Because perhaps even reading this is dangerous for many of you. Perhaps you have never thought it was possible to live outside of man and woman and the thought of your own man or womanhood being challenged is frightening? It would only be scary if there were something weak about it to begin with, no? There is something weak about a system of education and socialization that does not allow individuals to determine our own gender paths. There is something weak about living under other people's assumptions of us.

I'm not trying to imply that there is no such thing as man or woman, but rather that it is too quick to assume that we are all men and women; that man and woman are the only two options; or that there is any one human on this Earth who can tell me what it really means to be a "real" man or woman. All of the answers I normally get are based on what other people tell them, not what that person has come to understand for themselves.

How 'bout I give you some options for how to think about gender? Okay, most people think of gender as two options: male and female fixed and unquestionable (we'll call this binary); other people think of gender as male and female but also lots of options inbetween-more fluid but with two fixed points which determine the boundaries and limits (some people call this a spectrum*); another option may be that gender is a circle. That the options do not begin or end with man and woman, that there is no beginning or ending to gender, that there are as many options as there are people, and that gender is a fluid thing, which may change on a day to day, hour to hour basis.

I can't possibly begin to uncover the complexity of all of these ideas. There is a plethora of resources available talking about gender, transgender, and intersex related issues. Explore those resources and question those boxes we so eagerly fight to maintain-they often do more damage than good.

note: many people also find this a very popular way to look at sexuality although sexuality and gender are not the same thing. If this thought confuses you, that is not surprising but you should try to figure out in which ways they are different. Yes they are very very different.

When we talk about "social activism" we are inevitably drawn into an ongoing conversation about the merits of advocacy--that is, a third party representing the interests of a group of people. While most construe this to be a beneficial situation, there are some serious problems that arise upon closer inspection. Mainly that the people being represented are for the most part disassociated from the representatives. Thus, those who are most affected by whatever decisions that are being made have little or no chance to inject their word into the discussion on what is best for them. It seems especially strange that such a situation should arise when the representatives often vociferously claim to be representing the best interests of those they represent (often referred to as that vague and elusive entity known as "the people.")

The problem is that a model of liberation that relies on the actions of distant figures can not foster anything but reform. The contradictions in the lives of those that are suffering are not resolved by the actions of others, they are only changed. And while certain excesses may disappear, the system that allowed the excesses to appear in the first place is left intact the excesses appear again either in different forms or places. Thus, the oppressed remain the oppressed and the elite remain the elite. Furthermore, this model of "top down" change is insensitive to the varying situations in which individuals exist. When solutions are mass produced, inevitably large numbers of people are going to be left out. Some would counter that argument by saying that you can not please everyone--to that I say, "Why not?"

If the contradictions are resolved by those that exist within them, the resolutions will reflect the varying perspectives of the contradiction(s). Such nuances are not understandable to a group of people that exists outside of the reality of those they wish to help. Thus there is no way for "advocates" to accurately represent a situation or a group of people that they do not exist within. So what can caring middle-class activists do?

They can start by respecting the unique qualities of each contradiction and the perspectives of that contradiction held by each group of people involved in it. They can then alleviate any desire they may have for a large scale, simple solution and instead start to view liberation as a mutual process that they enter into with all other people in the world. Liberation or revolution is not the result of "good decision making" or "high-quality leadership," it is a process of individuals coming together to critically analyze their situation and take action to transform it. In the words Paulo Freire, "Revolutionary praxis (combined process of action and reflection) cannot tolerate an absurd dichotomy in which the praxis of the people is merely that of following the leaders' decisions--a dichotomy reflecting the prescriptive methods of the dominant elites." It does not matter if the leaders are self-proclaimed "revolutionaries," WASHPIRG, teachers, student governments, or government officials--if they attempt to speak for "the people" they are in effect disempowering the people and furthering their oppression. Liberation is not a process that can be executed on behalf of an individual, it must be a collective process that individuals enter on their own accord. And it is within this collective process that the true revolution lives. So wherever you end up this year, remember that "the people" do not need you to swoop in and liberate them, people are capable of liberating themselves.



HEY! GREENER! A Note On The School Industry

Many self-styled revolutionaries are victims of school. They see even "liberation" as the product of an institutional process. Only liberating oneself from school will dispel such illusions. The discovery that most learning requires no teaching can be neither manipulated nor planned. Each one of us is responsible for his or her own deschooling, and only we have the power to do it. ----Ivan Illich

Quite a few people come to Evergreen for it's reputation as a hotbed of radicalism. Many walk away with degrees conferred upon them by the very state authorities that they reject in most of the other circumstances of life. Most end up with the understanding that Evergreen is not what its reputation might suggest. Despite the important educational reforms instituted at (or co-opted by) Evergreen, it is still fundamentally a school in the usual meaning of the term, still plugged into the educational pyramid that elects and rejects those who make it in this society and those who don't. It has an unresponsive and secretive administrative bureaucracy, and a police force--now armed, for your protection. It features an unusually institutional and prison-like approach to architecture (for a school, that is), and there are plenty of the requisite rows of fluorescent lights to make you dizzy. It's located on a wetland several miles outside of downtown Olympia in a thoroughly suburban location, surrounded on one side by parking lots, and on all sides by creeping development. Not a few locals, including the ones who drive by yelling "get a job, asshole!" at demonstrations, think of Evergreen as a bastion of elitist and juvenile rebellion. To them, narcho-greeners are spoiled hippies who don't have to, like them, play by the rules, and have nothing to do but complain about oppression in far-off places. Evergreen is no community learning center. Evergreen is no free school.

All of this notwithstanding, a lot of Evergreen students are exposed to ideas that they otherwise might not have encountered. Many find their voices and discover a means of exposing some of the fallacies and shortcomings that have shaped their lives. After a lifetime of compulsory grading and relentless competition, the pace and educational approach of Evergreen can seem revolutionary. Indeed, the difference between getting a letter grade at the end of the quarter and getting a written evaluation, or the advantage of interdisciplinary studies, shouldn't be understated. Nor should the participation of students in struggles for societal change (300 of the 700 or so people arrested during the counter-WTO actions were Evergreen students, according to Robin Hahnel in Z Magazine). For the great majority of students the *educational process* is nevertheless geared ultimately toward one end... a satisfactory completion of a certain number of 'credit hours' and the subsequent ritual of certification whereby one is graduated (for a small fee of \$25) to one or another niche of our fractured and predatory social dis-order. Preferably not a \$6.50 per hour niche at Barnes & Noble, though.

This educational pyramid is a product of our civilized predicament. In a world defined by social breakdown-- a mechanized and soulless technological regime, a highly differentiated division of labor, domestication of and alienation from nature (and each other), large-scale economies and institutions, entrenched and pervasive hierarchy, isolation, suicide, and on and on-- the school industry is fundamental to the continued functioning of the whole tottering system. Schools have, throughout History, been designed to reproduce the social systems of which they are a product. Nothing has changed, nor will it, in that respect. And in a world that has no place for its young, what better than a *compulsory* period of conditioning and mind-numbing, followed by an optional period of 'higher learning' for those who play the game well enough and perhaps are in line for a larger serving of the goods ladled out by our industrialized, earth-sucking system. Evergreen then seems like a minor concession to some good and potentially threatening ideas, co-opting subversive energy and making it relatively safe. Kind of like buying organic food at Safeway.

Of course, most of us deal with the smaller frames of our daily lives, and this involves endless contradiction and, in academic language, 'contested terrain'. If you want to fight the system on its own terms by, say, becoming a radical lawyer, you must simply jump through the hoops. The challenge is to do this *with no illusions* as to the ultimate place and purpose of the seemingly-necessary treatment known as education (including Evergreen). You may be reading this somewhere in the depths of A-dorm and experiencing a growing sense of fatalism. The first thing you can do this year is *get the fuck out of A-dorm*—take the bus downtown. Help develop a learning network at the Praxis space. Volunteer at Books To Prisoners. Book an art or music show at the Arrowspace. Fight the Olympia Downtown Association with a marker or some paint, or stickers. Find a non-student and show them a resource at Evergreen that they can take advantage of without paying a dime. Drop out, get your money back, and sit in on classes anyway (if what you're *really* there for is classroom learning). Encourage your friends to do the same—organize a tuition strike, because learning is free! In the words of an anonymous (student) rebel during the Paris '68 uprising: Be realistic; Demand the impossible!

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10 Books To Spur Thought:

Freedom And Beyond and Instead Of Education, John Holt
Tools For Conviviality and Deschooling Society, Ivan Illich
Deschooling Our Lives, Matt Hern, ed.

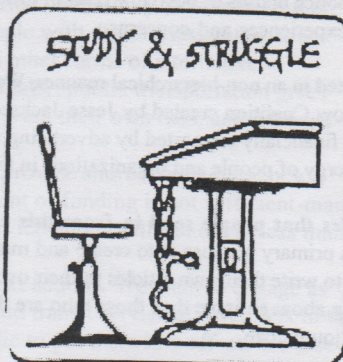
Making It Up As We Go Along, Chris Scagliano

Demystifying School, Miriam Wasserman, ed.

Radical School Reform, Ronald and Beatrice Gross, eds.

Teaching To Transgress, bell hooks

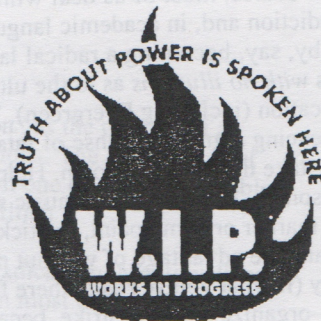
A Primer Of Libertarian Education, Joel Spring



Works In Progress

JOURNALISM WITH SPUNK since 1990

WORKS IN PROGRESS (WIP) is a free community newspaper sponsored and created by the Thurston County Rainbow Coalition. Originally established in 1990 to counter the influence of the local Gannett newspaper, WIP, throughout its existence, has been successful in bringing issues and positions to the community that have been ignored by the local Gannett press. From the story exposing the state's hiring of out-of-state scab construction labor to stories of local police abuses of power, Works In Progress has continually printed working class experiences and concerns.



Operated in a non-hierarchical manner, Works In Progress is the only continuing publication of the nationwide Rainbow Coalition created by Jesse Jackson. Staffed by volunteers, WIP receives its material from area authors and is financially supported by advertising as well as donations and subscriptions. Works In Progress has received the energy of people and organizations in the community and needs to continue to do so in order to be of value.

Articles that people send in from this community are its life blood.

WIP's primary purpose is to create and maintain a platform from which people can speak. People are encouraged to write their own articles in their own voices. It is a philosophy of WIP that no one can do a better job writing about an issue than those who are directly effected, and WIP does not believe in the existence of "unbiased" journalism.

WIP encourages organizations and individuals to experiment in different manners of conveying their messages. Articles written in first person have generally been very effective. Interviews, also, have been very popular. Photos and artwork or other types of graphics help draw reader attention and give greater dimension to the article. If the message is a long and complex, a main article with smaller companion articles may be more useful and less confusing.

Most importantly, please understand that people are interested in hearing what is going on in our community. They want to know what other working people think and experience. Many times the articles in WIP have reached elected officials (no sitting on the sidewalk), influenced coverage by The Olympian (DNR building), provided an alternative view (Fleetwood Project) and sparked community-wide interest and attention (abuse by Olympia police officers). It's very important to write, even if it is just a short note. To not write is to depend on Gannett to tell our stories (or not) from its perspective.

Please, when possible,
e-mail articles to us:

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The **Alliance for Public Transportation** is a community organization made up of riders and supporters of public transportation in the Olympia area working to increase transit funding and to improve and expand transit service. In November 1999, the passage of Initiative 695 eliminated the car tax, one of the main sources of transit funding throughout Washington, and Intercity Transit announced that it would have to cut 40% of its service. People around the state began to organize to pressure the state legislature to make up the funding that had been lost. In Thurston County, people who use or simply care about transit formed an organization to let the community know what was going on, and to bring to the legislature and to the larger public the message that cuts in bus service were unacceptable. We demanded that the state legislature use money from the \$1.3 billion budget surplus to restore transit funding for the coming year. We organized forums, vigils, rallies, marches, meetings with legislators, and-in cooperation with Earth First!--a very successful civil disobedience action. We distributed fliers on buses and all over the community; we collected more than 3000 petition signatures; and we appeared on radio and television shows.

We believe that public transportation is an essential part of the community. It is critical to the lives of people who cannot drive or cannot afford to drive-people with disabilities, youth, low wage workers, students, the elderly. Along with bicycling and other forms of alternative transportation, it is critical to the health of the environment. Finally, public transportation gives people an alternative to the stress, expense, and isolation of driving their own cars, and it brings people together in a community space.

APT played an important part in convincing the legislature to provide short-term, emergency funding to make up for what had been lost. Although the amount of funding is not sufficient-many people are still left with no service or with very inadequate service-and it will run out in less than 3 years, we believe that we accomplished a lot.

At the time of this writing, APT is just beginning to plan its next actions. We want to engage as many people as we can in planning ways to preserve and expand transit service all over WA in the long term and in convincing the legislature and the larger public to put them into effect. We also want to encourage people to get involved in other decisions that affect public transportation. What kinds of land use rules should our local and state governments' have? What kinds of new development should we allow or support? How should the community be structured so that people can get around without driving? We also hope to help organize a car-sharing service and other community institutions that make it possible for people to survive without owning cars.

For more information, call us at (360)236-7454 or write to us at apt@graffiti.net.

WROC, the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition, is a membership organization made up of low income parents and their allies. We believe that having enough money to support your family is a right and that poverty is wrong. We want to change the myths and stereotypes about who uses public assistance and why. We want to change welfare reform into a program that ends poverty not the safety net. Join us at our weekly information clinics, as we lobby our legislators, as we plan direct actions to educate our community. We provide internships. We are at 701 SE Franklin, Olympia, WA 98501, 360-352-9716.

The Olympia Housing Collective
Why cooperative living? Because it's a hell of a lot better than the dorms or just sharing a dinky apartment with someone you rarely talk to. We want to live together and really live. We want to know our housemates as community members. For this reason we cook meals together, throw great parties, hold house meetings, garden, and buy food together. Cooperatively we create revolutionary living, a more satisfying lifestyle, and an alternative to isolation. The Olympia Housing Collective currently rents 3 houses, one on the Eastside and two on the Westside. We are in the process of becoming a non-profit corporation with the intention of buying property cooperatively. New members are very welcome. We may currently have openings in an existing house or you can start up a new house! Call Kate, the new member coordinator, at 352-2401

This Is What Revolution Looks Like

In a press conference on Monday, November 29, I proclaimed that we had already won the battle against the World Trade Organization. Through massive education campaigns, trainings, and street theater actions, we had made the WTO into a public debate. That feat in itself defied the closed-door secrecy of this global institution. We had created alliances through community forums and meetings across state and nation lines. People saw the grand scale of the WTO and its agreements as an opportunity to connect many different struggles. For all of these reasons, I declared victory on Monday.

On Friday, December 3rd, I sat outside the Westin Hotel, where US delegates like Madeline Albright and Charlene Barshefsky were staying. About 250 other people and I were participating in an action that connected the immediate release of the hundreds of jailed protesters and our continued goal to shut down the WTO. Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) delegates from Chile, Mexico, Canada, and the United States came to announce to us that the WTO meetings had collapsed, that the "developing" nations refused to sign on to the agenda, that not one agreement had been reached. We celebrated for another 8 hours in the streets. My exhaustion could not reflect my joy. We had won. We shut down the WTO.

Okay, let's back up. A few questions:

WHAT IS THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION?

There are bountiful resources that describe and analyze the ins and outs of the World Trade Organization with more accuracy and tact than I could. I suggest looking at the primary documents on the WTO web page as a resource. I suggest that you look into organizations that you already know and trust and get their take on the subject. But I will do my best to describe it. The WTO is a baby in the era of multinational corporations and international economic agreements. But the institution is the logical next step in a history of colonization, exploitation, and capital explosion. The WTO was established in 1995 as the successor to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). GATT was a limited set of rules regulating the trade of goods and merchandise among member nations. Since 1986, GATT had become more aggressive, raising corporations to equal standing with nations and overruling federal, state, and local laws when they interfere with free trade. The overall goal is to eliminate "trade barriers," frequently including labor laws, public health regulations, and environmental protection measures - all of which impede the corporate bottom-line: profit.

The WTO was prepared to discuss a Trade in Services agreement that would reduce education and health care to commodities regulated by the international market. Also on the agenda was the Global Free Logging Agreement which proposed zero-tariffs on all timber imports and exports. This agreement would have accelerated sales and increased the potential for parasites to enter protected environments. They also planned to discuss a proposal that would allow pharmaceutical and agricultural companies to patent traditional knowledge of herbs and plants. None of these agreements moved forward. None of these discussions were allowed to happen. No agreement was signed. The delegates barely secured an agenda.

WHAT HAPPENED IN SEATTLE?

I was part of a coalition called the Direct Action Network (Against Corporate Globalization) that pulled people from all over the nation to mobilize their communities and participate in a mass direct action on Tuesday, November 30, in Seattle. The coalition and the day of action was sponsored by a variety of national and international groups like People's Global Action, Citizens In Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, the National Lawyer's Guild, Rainforest Action Network, the Ruckus Society, and many other labor and environmental groups. I speak from my experience working with the Direct Action Network fully acknowledging the hundreds of organizations and the thousands of people from all over the world that came to Seattle with a beautiful variety of responses and ideas.

I was in Seattle for two weeks preparing and facilitating endless meetings and participating in action after action until it all fell down. I can only share my perspective, but the reality is much larger and very hopeful. D.A.N.'s strategy committee divided Seattle into pie slices, the Convention Center being at the center of the pie. We encouraged and trained people to form affinity groups (groups of 5-20 people who support each other in and outside of jail, and form the basic decision-making structure for the actions). We also trained people in non-violent action, legal information, and street theater. The affinity groups formed a Spokescouncil sending representatives to meetings to make decisions and disseminate information. Of course, consensus process and the democracy of valuing every person's voice can be difficult, but more often than not, the efficiency and proactive politics of consensus inspired and empowered people. Many of us carried the process to the streets.

Clusters of affinity groups chose pie slices and prepared for the Tuesday actions. I was locked down in pipes to twenty-five other folks willing to risk arrest in order to block a major intersection. In a living statement against the commodification of art, life, words, and voices, we dropped a mural in the center of the intersection with two layers of body blockades protecting the painters. We gave out small zines with our words and poems and a packet of seeds attached to each one. The day before we were not confident that we would even make it to the intersection weighted down with lockboxes and looking suspicious. It was an incredible moment, watching the painters transform the fabric into a brilliant mural as I sat physically linked to people I barely knew, but already trusted with my life. The action of our art and the work and trust of our community is our resistance. We were tightly organized and six times during the day cops approached our action and turned away. We eventually facilitated a consensus process that decided to move the action to a more effective intersection, where we remained until 5 p.m. when the WTO meetings were canceled (for the day?). Victory on the first day.

Delegates were stuck inside the Paramount theater with no access to food or water. In our wildest brainstorming, we had devised plans to deprive the delegates of the basic necessities that people all over the world go without on a daily basis because of profit-driven decisions they make. Our dreams had realized themselves through the courage and active participation of many, many people. I had never imagined that our actions could topple the business of the WTO. We pulled it together to prepare for the next day.

The next days are more well known. Wednesday was the day so many people were hurt and battered by the police forces, hundreds were taken to jail, and a no-free-speech-zone was officially created in the United States of America. Our group decided not to risk arrest, and instead helped plan the next day's action which landed us on the front lines at the King County Jail, and later the Westin Hotel. For me, the amount of support that came from the city of Seattle (the people, not the goons) was the breath that kept me going day after day. Honks from cars, people shouting out of windows, the uprising of Capitol Hill, women bringing food to the encampment at the jail - all of this made the week more significant than a few good actions. Our words were beginning to ring true. This might be the start of a movement.

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THIS?

The work that carved a victory out of the WTO Ministerial did not begin nor end on December 3rd. The work began when people started learning about the connections between the WTO, and the economic and cultural oppression that happens on a daily basis all over the world. The work began when Fast-Track for NAFTA was defeated and the Multilateral Agreement on Investment was exposed and laid to rest by an international grassroots movement. The work began when people started forming groups and organizations to research and share information about this institution no one had ever heard of. The work continued when people discovered their skills and put them to action. The community networks and relationships that emerged will only grow stronger as we evaluate the strong moments as well as the weak, confused moments of the past six months. We will gather more tools, we will tell our stories, we will learn from our bruises, we will not stop until we are all free. This is what revolution looks like.

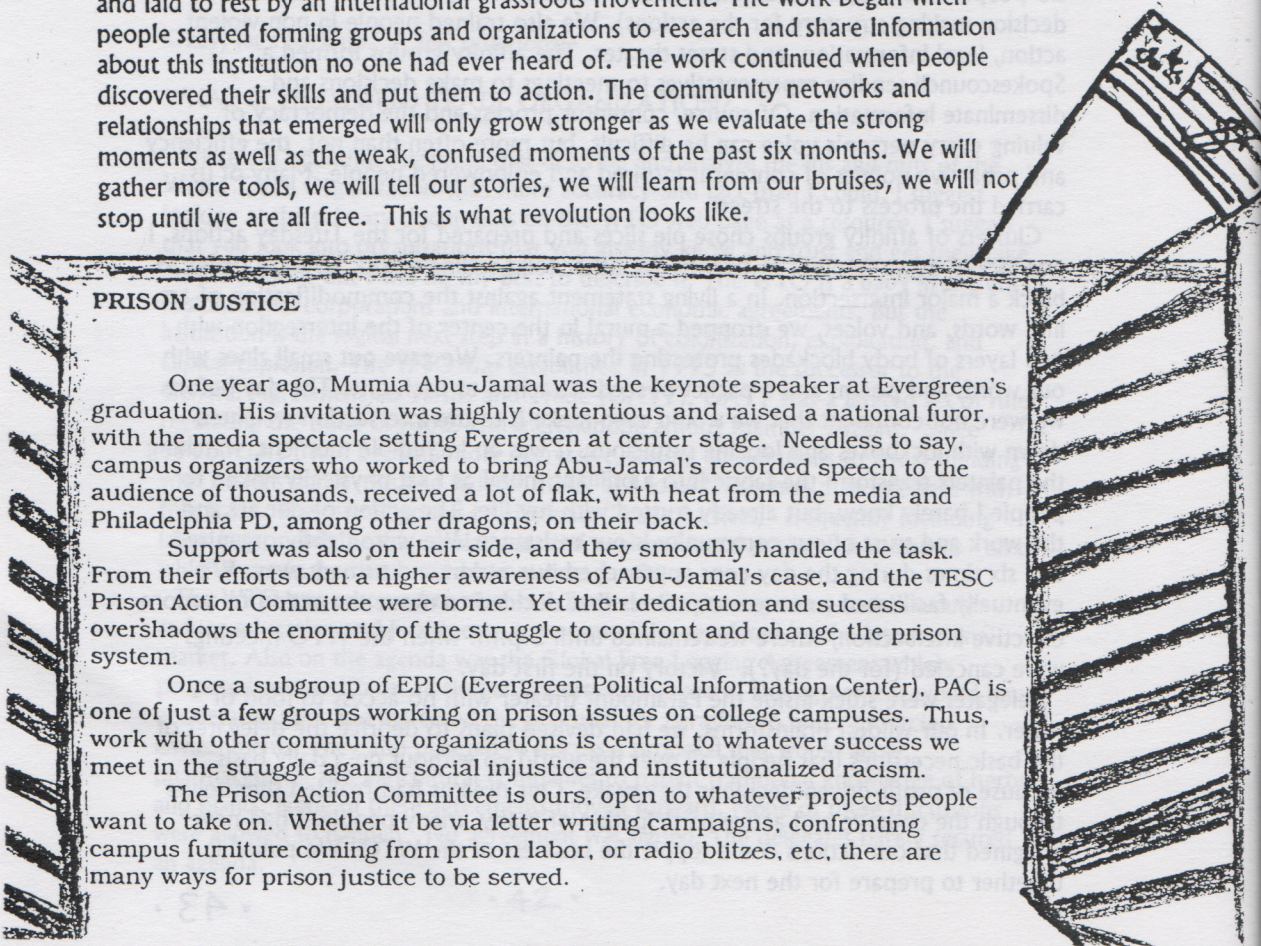
PRISON JUSTICE

One year ago, Mumia Abu-Jamal was the keynote speaker at Evergreen's graduation. His invitation was highly contentious and raised a national furor, with the media spectacle setting Evergreen at center stage. Needless to say, campus organizers who worked to bring Abu-Jamal's recorded speech to the audience of thousands, received a lot of flak, with heat from the media and Philadelphia PD, among other dragons, on their back.

Support was also on their side, and they smoothly handled the task. From their efforts both a higher awareness of Abu-Jamal's case, and the TESC Prison Action Committee were borne. Yet their dedication and success overshadows the enormity of the struggle to confront and change the prison system.

Once a subgroup of EPIC (Evergreen Political Information Center), PAC is one of just a few groups working on prison issues on college campuses. Thus, work with other community organizations is central to whatever success we meet in the struggle against social injustice and institutionalized racism.

The Prison Action Committee is ours, open to whatever projects people want to take on. Whether it be via letter writing campaigns, confronting campus furniture coming from prison labor, or radio blitzes, etc, there are many ways for prison justice to be served.



Efforts are ongoing in the arenas of education and outreach. For nearly two years now, a dedicated crew of Evergreen students and community members have traveled to Shelton once a week to seminar with inmates on shared readings. There is also a full-time Evergreen program called Gateways, that matches up with Maple Lane, a juvenile detention center for boys. Efforts to start an educational writing program at the State Prison for Women in Purdy are at work.

Books to Prisoners is also active in Olympia, working to supply books to meet all of the requests coming out of Texas prisons, one of the most incarcerating states in the country. With a downtown space, situated in the back of Olympia World News, volunteers labor to meet the backlog of letters, with 500 new requests coming in each month.

If you are interested in CopWatch activity, other folks are also making police accountability a priority. Look at Praxis for more contact information and meeting times. They make Know-Your-Rights data available, and sometimes host "name that officer" contests with real prizes.

The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation is hard at work on the death penalty. They have sponsored speakers and films, among other community events, and are circulating petitions for a nationwide moratorium. Contact their Social Justice Committee for more.

There are many other impacted areas to focus on. For instance a new Immigration and Naturalization Services facility is scheduled for construction somewhere between Seattle and Tacoma. Where is it being built? What for? When? What do we want to do about it?

Proposition 21, racist and prejudice against the poor, recently passed in California. It further stigmatizes people of color as criminals, and supports an increase in the profiling of youth. California, a state which has constructed 21 new prisons in the last 20 years, often influences new laws here in Washington state. Might there be a battle on the way?

Struggles to free Abu-Jamal, Peltier, Puerto Rican POWs, Fred Hampton Jr, and the other 100 political prisoners in the US also continue. Other areas in need of attention include prison labor, private prisons, health care, sentencing inequities, three strikes you're out and the war on drugs - all of which are related to roots of social injustice.

The 13th Amendment reads: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." The Black Codes (at the same time) made "vagrancy," absence from work, and insulting gestures or acts illegal. What further explanation do we need of racism steaming at the root of the prison system?

Come out and get involved. Look for flyers announcing meeting space and time. Also call 866-6000 x 6749 for more from the Prison Action Committee.



★ FUN THINGS TO DO IN OLYMPIA... ★

★ eating, entertainment, music, bars, shopping...

★ food: (a list of yummy restaurants w/prices + description)

- ① The Voyeur = on 4th near Adams st.: Lovely, cheap, vegan/veggie place w/sandwiches, tofu scrambles, salads etc. young + hip crowd, great bar in back (brand new - let's hope it lasts) \$4-8
- ② Mini Saigon = 111 Columbia (off 4th): Great Thai food, lots of tofu dishes, nice red booths, good place \$5-8
- ③ Vic's Pizzeria = 223 Division (at Harrison): Get slices or a whole pie, mostly veggie, fancy (artichoke ♥s!) cheap, patio, beer, good management + desserts \$2-5
- ④ Otto's Bagels = 111 Washington st (off 4th): Bagels w/tofu or cream cheese spreads, good breakfast dishes \$3-7
- ⑤ Fugis = 214 4th st.: Great sushi and other Japanese food (try the Vege Angel roll) Yum Yum \$3-6
- ⑥ Tradition's = 300 5th ave: Nice Café with soups + sandwiches mostly veggie, espresso + cookies, good people \$4-6
- ⑦ Clancy's Pub = 200 4th ave: hearty pub food + pizza, great beer, a bar where underage people can sit (not get served)
- ⑧ Lemon Grass = 212 4th: Really good Thai food Kind expensive, special treat, tons of veggie + vegan \$4-8
- ⑨ Pepper's = 422 Legion: Mexican food, lots of cheese, good salsa, outdoor patio \$5-8
- ⑩ EL Nope! = 3002 Harrison st.: real Mexican food, fresh + home made, fun, family restaurant \$5-10
- ⑪ New Moon Café - 113 4th ave: Breakfasts, waffles, eggs

go to bars: (when you turn 21 or get a good fake I.D.) 

The K/a = 116 5th ave 352 1855: Oly's local dance/hipster/
queer friendly club in town, check the schedule but
Sunday should still be 80's night which is good stuff
happy hour (\$1 well drinks!!) Thur-Fri-Sun nights 5-7pm
if you go on Fri or Sat. nights you have to
-watch out for the meat

Market

Eastside Tavern = on 4th ave: Big, Dirty Bar w/tons of
pool tables and drunk people

4th ave Tavern = good music most weekends

The Spar = ^{114 4th ave.} restaurant up front, "Highclimber Club" in back
very crowded during happy hour (everyday 5pm-7pm) fun!

Ben Moore's = 112 4th ave.: I like this little, quiet bar, not
sure why - good french fries + bartenders

buy clothes at: CHEAP, STYL, SECOND HAND CLOTHES!

Dumpster Values: 117 Washington st. = wonderful, gorgeous, cheap
and strange things to wear, they will buy your stuff too

Value Village: Harrison + Division = search thru the ugly stuff
and you can sometimes find treasures, good place for
Kitchen + house hold stuff. 786 5630

Goodwill: 400 Cooper Point 956 0669 = same as above
more furniture and a little more expensive.



Other stuff: Westside Lanes: next to Value Village

Skateland: 352 9943
call for directions
and roller skate!

Go BOWLING, Yahoo!

Farmers Market: On Capital st. towards water
Thurs-Sun April-Oct/Nov. Check it out...
meet farmers - buy food

cookies + coffee:

- ① Blue Heron Bakery = 4935 Mud Bay road 866 2253: best natural (but still real good) baked goods around with organic ingredients, incredible coffee! Hard to get to but worth it!
- ② San Francisco St. Bakery = 1320 San Francisco st 753 8553: Yummy, sugary treats, huge garden to sit and inside tables too, good place to sit and read or talk
- ③ Oly World News = 4th ave (beside the spar): Get coffee + tea + read magazines, good place to people watch comfy chairs upstairs

MUSIC + ENTERTAINMENT:



- See Shows at:
- * the Arrowspace (in alley behind Otto's) music performances of all kind, all ages community art gallery. can be rented Thurs-Sun. = 352 2876 [look for flyers]
 - * the Midnight Sun music, theatre, drag shows, installations, film etc all ages
 - * the Capital Theater Backstage (big shows are front stage) 5th ave
→ Wonderful place to see all sorts of music shows most weekends 754 5378 — All ages —

Buy Music at:

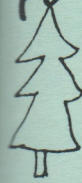


- & Phantom City = 117 Washington st. 357 6852: good for vinyl + used CD's/records, you can sell your stuff
- & Rainy Day Records = Corner of Harrison/Division 357 4755
Big huge non-corporate music store w/ everything! plus videos (foreign + indy) and sneakers

See fabulous films at: The Capitol Theatre ^{206 5th ave.} hosts the Olympia Film Society Sun-Thurs. get the program in front of theatre. get a membership and watch movies....

WHEN IT FINALLY STOPS RAINING...

(beautiful places in and around Olytown)

 ☆ Grey skies can cause depression in Olympia and make this place seem ugly and horrid.

To fight homesickness and sadness it's good to get outside and walk or bike around all the lovely places. To stay sane you've got to make it your business to get as much sun + outdoor as possible. ☆

① Priest Point park - beautiful bike ride, down 4th towards east side, turn L on East Bay drive, big park w/ trails + water

② McLain Creek - head down Harrison, going West, turns into Mud Bay rd. You'll pass Blue Heron Bakery (yum!) turn L on Delphi lovely place w/ birds and big old trees

③ Sylvester Park - downtown on Capitol way + Legion Not so lovely or wild but if Oly has a town square, this is it. Hang out spot for many homeless folks, Olympia youth + evergreen

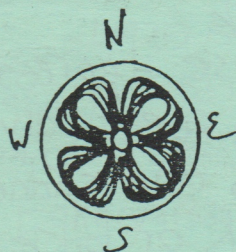
④ Garfield trail - green trail thru a ravine just off of Rodgers st near the Westside food co-op. good alternative to getting downtown if you don't like the stinky traffic on Harrison

Other places that are BEAUTIFUL but need a car to get to: Nisqually River, Mount Rainer, the Olympic (a mountain range on the Olympic Peninsula) the Cascades (the mountain range that runs N/S down the middle of Wash. state), Bagby hot springs, ANY hot spring, La Push, the Ocean.

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← "West side"
(to Mud Bay, Olympic peninsula, Capitol forest)

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(to Lacey)